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DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA LABOR MARKET TRENDS

Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

** October's recently released U.S. unemployment rate registers 10.4%.... Atlantic Aviation furloughs an additional 63 workers in early November.

- Delaware's seasonally adjusted September unemployment rate drops slightly to 9.3%..... Nationally, the rate jumped to 10.1% in September, its highest level since 1941.

- F.W. Woolworth will close its 336 Woolco stores in the United States early next year. Four stores in Delaware are affected.

- Delaware Race Track halts its thoroughbred racing operations.

- Atlantic Aviation Corp. lays off some 31 employees in October.

- Two A & P stores reopen as Super Fresh supermarkets.

- The $20 million Dover Mall opened in early August, employing some 1,000 workers.

- Although rejecting the national tentative agreement, Chrysler workers in Newark vote to stay on the job through Christmas and not to strike.

- The September area index of 283.0 marks the smallest 12-month increase of consumer prices in nearly 10 years.

- The Federal Supplemental Compensation Program is created, providing up to 10 additional weeks of benefits for the unemployed.

- Kent County added to list of Labor Surplus Areas.

- Number of work stoppages in Delaware decline steadily since 1978, registering a relative peace prevailing 7 in 1981.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1982	299.3	296.1	292.3	274.9	268.4	265.2	24.4	27.7	27.1	8.1	9.4	9.3
	1981	289.4	289.3	289.5	267.9	265.2	266.2	21.5	24.2	23.3	7.4	8.4	8.1
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1982	306.9	303.7	291.3	281.6	273.2	268.1	25.3	30.5	23.2	8.3	10.0	8.0
	1981	295.7	296.5	289.3	274.3	269.9	269.2	22.3	26.5	20.1	7.5	9.0	6.9
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1982	261.4	259.2	256.7	240.9	234.0	231.6	20.5	25.2	25.1	7.8	9.7	9.8
	1981	255.4	256.7	255.7	237.5	234.9	235.7	17.9	21.7	20.2	7.0	8.5	7.9
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1982	263.7	261.4	253.5	241.8	232.3	232.0	21.9	29.1	21.5	8.3	11.1	8.5
	1981	257.4	258.1	253.5	238.4	233.2	236.1	19.1	25.0	17.4	7.4	9.7	6.9
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	110,522.0	110,644.0	110,980.0	99,732.0	99,839.0	99,720.0	10,790.0	10,805.0	11,260.0	9.8	9.8	10.1
	1981	108,688.0	108,818.0	180,494.0	100,864.0	100,840.0	100 258.0	7,824.0	7,978.0	8,236.0	7.2	7.3	7.6
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	3,628.0	3,636.9	3,648.0	3,339.0	3,301.0	3,311.0	289.0	335.0	337.0	8.0	9.2	9.2
	1981	3,553.0	3,545.0	3,530.0	3,336.0	3,300.0	3,289.0	217.0	245.0	241.0	6.1	6.9	6.8
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	8,040.0	8,046.0	8,009.0	7,381.0	7,362.0	7,323.0	659.0	684.0	686.0	8.2	8.5	8.6
	1981	7,989.0	7,980.0	8,006.0	7,395.0	7,415.0	7,443.0	594.0	565.0	563.0	7.4	7.1	7.0
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	5,492.0	5,542.0	5,511.0	4,898.0	4,959.0	4,889.0	594.0	583.0	622.0	10.8	10.5	11.3
	1981	5,498.0	5,531.0	5,461.0	5,049.0	5,094.0	4,998.0	449.0	437.0	463.0	8.2	7.9	8.5
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1982	2,223.9	2,200.6	2,175.0	2,031.1	2,011.0	1,998.2	192.8	189.7	176.8	8.7	8.6	8.1
	1981	2,186.8	2,159.5	2,159.3	2,030.2	2,004.6	2,007.8	156.6	154.9	151.5	7.2	7.2	7.0

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE-1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained relatively stable in September, dropping from 9.4 percent in August to 9.3. July's rate was 8.1 percent. The unadjusted rate moved in lock-step with layoffs in the auto industry, dropping in July to 8.3 percent, rising in August to 10.0, then dropping again in September to 8.0 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose to 10.1 percent in September after seasonal adjustments. Since the pre-recession peak of July 1981, the overall U. S. rate has risen 2.9 percentage points. In the surrounding states, Maryland's rate, unadjusted, declined to 8.1 percent while the seasonally adjusted rates of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York rose respectively to 11.3, 9.2 and 8.6 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE-2)

Inventory related layoffs and subsequent recalls in the auto industry were primarily responsible for the fluctuation in manufacturing and total nonagricultural wage and salary employment during the quarter as both sectors followed the trend of machinery and transportation equipment, rising in July, dropping in August and rising again in September. Seasonally, nonmanufacturing, after rising in July, registered declines over the following months. As with the previous quarter, monthly totals remained below the year-ago figures due primarily to general business declines in primary metals, machinery and transportation equipment, chemicals and allied products and rubber and plastic products. Wilmington SMSA employment, at 224,000 in September, followed the same quarterly trend as Delaware.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE-3)

In September, weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware averaged $334.85. In July primary metals weekly earnings registered a $171.14 drop bringing this sector to its lowest level since September, 1977. A temporary layoff by a large high-paying firm was responsible for this decrease. With the exception of July, total manufacturing weekly earnings were higher than the comparable year-ago averages. Production worker average weekly earnings in the SMSA, at $389.39 in September, was $14.79 higher over the year.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - F.W. Woolworth, the nation's fourth largest retailer, announced in September that it will close its 336 Woolco discount stores in the United States and lay off about 25,000 workers early next year. Three stores in New Castle

County and one in Kent, employing a total of about 500 people, will be affected by this move.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Getty Refining and Marketing Company announced plans for a $57 million modification of the fluid coker and crude unit at its Delaware City refinery. Construction is expected to begin in the second quarter of 1983..... Workers at Phoenix Steel Corp.'s Claymont mill voted in August to give up about $2,700 each in wages over the next 11 months. Officials of the two United Steelworkers locals representing the mill's 1,000 union members described the pay cuts as "loans" or "investments" in job security..... NVF Co. cut the number of hourly employees at its plants in Delaware and Pennsylvania by 26 percent, or about 205 people in early September. Economic conditions were blamed for the round of indefinite layoffs which began Jan. 1 escalated over the summer and ended in the first week in September.

The Newark City Council approved an ordinance permitting W.L. Gore and Associates, an electronics manufacturer, to build a new plant on 13½ acres of ground on Barksdale Road near the Elan area. They will employ 150 people and have an annual payroll of about $2 million. Construction is expected to begin this fall and should be completed in a year..... About 30 hourly workers were laid off indefinitely at the North American Smelting Co. in the Wilmington Marine Terminal. The recession was blamed for these permanent layoffs as well as the preceding four-week shutdown which put 92 persons temporarily out of work..... Delaware Race Track in Stanton has decided to halt its thoroughbred racing operations forever. Citing a number of adverse factors, the directors could see no lessening of these in the future. The track employed some 700 people on a quiet day, and about 1,000 on its busiest days during its annual summer meeting.

A decline in the sales of corporate aircrafts has resulted in layoff of 31 employees in October at the Atlantic Aviation Corp. based at the Greater Wilmington Airport..... A & P plans to close one of its stores in Delaware in November while two in Pennsylvania were closed in October. About 56 workers at the Cross Roads Shopping Center in New Castle will be affected. There is a possibility they may reopen as Super Fresh stores... .. Two other A & P stores that closed more than six months ago will reopen in November as Super Fresh supermarkets. The two stores - at 3600 Miller Road in Wilmington and 3609 Philadelphia Pike in Claymont - are the first in Delaware to be reopened by Super Fresh Food Markets Inc., an A & P subsidiary. About 70 or 75 people will work at the Miller Road store..... More than 900 DuPont Co. employees, almost 7 percent of the company's professionals and managers in the Wilmington area, signed up for a special early retirement program. They will leave their jobs by November 30.

KENT COUNTY - The $20 million Dover Mall opened in early August. Three large department stores as well as 35 to 40 smaller specialty stores began operations and employ some 1,000 persons.

SURROUNDING AREAS - Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Co. received word in September that it has won contracts to convert two of the eight cargo vessels planned for use in the U.S. rapid deployment force. C. Richard Orth, Director of Marketing for Penn Ship, said the project will pump $85 million into the ailing shipyard over the next few years and provide job security through the end of 1983 for the 1,000 workers who ramain on the payroll..... Plummeting sales of its heavy marine mooring systems forced Baldt Inc. to choose between keeping its plant in Texas, or its operations in Chester, PA. The decision went to Chester, meaning that 212 jobs will stay in the area. In addition, the consolidation could add 30 to 40 jobs in Chester next year, if there is improvement in the market..... Three Eastern Shore poultry firms testified at a Maryland Public Service Commission hearing in October that high electric rates may force them to relocate processing plants outside the Delmarva Peninsula. Officials of Perdue, Inc., Showell Farms Inc. and Country Pride Inc. opposed a $16.1 million base rate revenue increase by Delmarva Power and Light Company.

AUTO INDUSTRY - About 4,000 autoworkers were laid off for one week in October at General Motors. In addition these same workers have been furloughed temporarily for three weeks beginning November 8. These shutdowns are designed to reduce dealers' inventories of 1983 Chevrolet Chevettes and Pontiac T1000's while November's layoffs will adjust production to sales forecasts.... In early October United Auto Workers union members in Newark rejected the UAW's tentative national agreement with Chrysler Corp. in the contract's first major test. They voted later in the month, however, to stay on the job through Christmas and not to strike. UAW Local 1183 voted to extend the old agreement and resume negotiations in January.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated were an auto-inflated 104,207 in the third quarter, with a benefit amount of $10,020,333 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during that same period was $99, as compared to $89 in the second quarter. August was the high month, as a total of more than $4 million was paid out.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $675,074 for 7,104 weeks of compensation, representing $570,645 and 5,997 under the UI Extended Benefits Program and $104,429 and 1,107 under the recently enacted Federal Supplemental Compensation Program (see page 7).

Continued claim monthly counts, excluding the auto industry, in September was 27,700, approximately 2,900 less than the number registered in September 1981. July and August levels were also lower than those of the comparable period last year. September's auto-related claims of 36,300 were 5,600 above last year's non-auto-related count. For the weeks including the 12th of the month, all 1982 third quarter levels were lower than the same period a year ago.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings in demand at the end of September were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Salesperson, general merchandise, 34 openings; clerk-typist, 28; waiter/waitress, informal, 24; cannery worker, 22; guard, security, 18; packer, agricultural produce, 15; sales clerk, 11; carpenter, 11; store clerk, 11; kitchen helper, 8; sewing machine operator, 7; construction worker I, 7; maintenance repairer, building, 7; and material handler, 7 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Clerk-typist, 28 openings; guard, security, 18; sales clerk, 11; carpenter, 10; waiter/waitress, informal, 9; sewing machine operator, 7; maintenance repairer, building, 7; material handling, 7; kitchen helper, 6; assembler, automotive, 6; taper, 6; and construction worker I, 6 openings.

Characteristics of Job Seekers in September were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 11,769 active applicants, 48 percent were male, 55 percent were white, 41 percent were black, 15 percent were under 22, 62 percent were 22 to 39, and 22 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 38 percent had not finished high school, 45 percent had graduated from high school, and 17 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 40 percent of the applicants were considered economically disadvantaged and 40 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 6,129 active applicants, 37 percent were male, 38 percent were white, 56 percent were black, 12 percent were under 22, 66 percent were 22 to 39, and 22 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 49 percent had not finished high school, 40 percent had graduated from high school, and 11 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 69 percent of the applicants were considered economically disadvantaged and 26 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE-6)

The Consumer Price Index for all items in the Philadelphia Area rose during the quarter at a much slower rate than during the

comparable period a year ago, although the October-September change of 0.6 percent was the largest since June. Despite that increase, the September index of 283.0 marked the smallest 12-month advance in nearly 10 years, 3.1 percent. Nationally the index was 293.3 following moderate increases of 0.2 percent over the past two months.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program

The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 created the temporary FSC Program effective September 12, 1982 through March 31, 1983. Funding for the program comes from Federal general revenues.

The program provides up to 10 additional weeks of unemployment compensation benefits for unemployed workers in Delaware where the Extended Benefits (EB) had been payable at some time since June 1, 1982.

In Delaware, approximately 3,500 workers were initially expected to be paid these benefits as their entitlement to State benefits and/or extended benefits ended on or after June 1, 1982.

Labor Surplus Areas

The U. S. Labor Department has added Kent County to the Labor Surplus Area (LSA) list under the exceptional circumstance criteria, effective August 6, 1982. Kent County now joins the City of Wilmington as the only civil jurisdiction eligible in Delaware.

Work Stoppages in 1981

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that during 1981 relative peace prevailed in Delaware, as 900 workers involved in 7 stoppages totaled 22,600 days of idleness. The number of walkouts in the state has declined steadily since the 23 occurring in 1978. There were 20 and 13 walkouts in 1979 and 1980, respectively. A 0.3 percent of total work time idle was the lowest level of idleness in Delaware in the 30 years the Bureau has tracked the impact of work stoppages. Comparably, idleness nationally represented 0.11 percent of estimated working time - the lowest level in 18 years - while on the other end of the scale, West Virginia (2.17 percent) and Pennsylvania (.34 percent) experienced the highest percentage of strike-related idleness of any states in the nation during 1981. Both states' figures were heavily influenced by coal mine work stoppages. The number of work stoppages for the U.S. and surrounding areas in 1981 were as

follows: U.S., 2,568; Maryland, 30; Pennsylvania, 323; Virginia, 42; West Virginia, 95; and District of Columbia, 9.

Targeted Jobs Tax Program

The Division of Job Services is once again using the Labor Market Trends to emphasize the importance of and to promote the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program. More employers should be taking advantage of this valuable tax credit. The following is a testimonial from one of several employers who has benefited from the program:

October 25, 1982

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have been participating in the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program since 1980 and have acquired some very good employees; people who really needed a job, not just people who were looking for a better job. We feel we have helped many people in several of the so-called "disadvantaged" groups of society. We have - nationwide - realized substantial tax credits also and find this to be an excellent, if secondary, incentive to participate in the program.

Thank you for bringing this program to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey T. Sturgis
Director of Personnel
De. Broiler Operations

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If you are interested in or desire more information concerning this program, please contact Ernie Camoirano at (302) 368-6876.

New Unemployment Office to Open

The new Labor Department office at the cannery shopping center on Lancaster Avenue is scheduled to be officially opened by Governor DuPont on November 22, 1982.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1982			1981			1982			1981		
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	262.2	258.2	259.4	264.6	260.9	261.2	226.7	221.2	224.0	230.3	226.0	228.9
Manufacturing	69.6	66.7	69.7	72.5	68.8	72.5	62.1	59.0	62.3	66.0	61.8	65.8
Durable Goods	18.7	15.7	19.3	20.7	16.4	20.5	19.5	16.6	20.1	22.1	17.9	22.1
Primary Metals	1.2	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.4	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.5
Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.7
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	11.0	7.4	11.2	11.9	7.6	11.8	12.2	8.4	12.1	13.0	8.7	13.1
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	5.0	5.0	4.9
Nondurable Goods	50.9	51.0	50.4	51.8	52.4	52.0	42.5	42.4	42.3	43.9	43.9	43.7
Food & Kindred Products	9.1	9.0	8.6	9.0	9.2	8.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Textile Mill Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Apparel	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
Printing & Publishing	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	31.3	31.1	31.1	31.7	31.7	31.7	33.4	33.3	33.3	34.2	34.2	34.0
Rubber & Plastics	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.2
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Nonmanufacturing	192.5	191.5	189.7	192.1	192.2	188.7	164.6	162.2	161.6	164.3	164.1	163.1
Construction	15.6	14.7	14.5	14.2	14.6	14.4	15.7	14.8	14.5	14.5	14.7	14.7
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.6	11.6	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.2	11.4	11.4	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	57.8	58.4	57.5	58.0	58.2	57.6	46.7	46.4	46.4	47.2	47.0	47.4
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.5	11.6	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9
Retail Trade	46.2	47.0	46.1	46.6	46.7	46.0	36.9	36.7	36.7	37.3	37.1	37.5
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	13.1	13.1	12.8	13.2	13.1	13.0	12.3	12.3	12.0	12.2	12.2	12.1
Services & Mining	50.9	50.5	49.6	50.7	50.6	49.6	44.8	44.6	43.8	45.2	45.1	44.4
Government	43.6	43.1	43.4	44.2	44.0	41.8	33.7	32.8	33.4	33.7	33.6	32.8
Federal Government	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
State & Local Government	38.0	37.6	37.9	38.7	38.4	36.4	29.2	28.3	28.9	29.2	29.2	28.3
State	19.9	19.7	21.9	19.9	19.8	20.3	11.9	11.8	13.8	12.2	12.1	12.8
Local	18.1	17.8	16.0	18.8	18.6	16.1	17.3	16.5	15.1	16.9	17.0	15.6
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1982

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]
MANUFACTURING	$332.73	$332.13	$334.85	38.6	38.8	38.4	$ 8.62	$ 8.56	$ 8.72
DURABLE GOODS	363.26	376.81	354.78	37.8	38.1	36.5	9.61	9.89	9.72
Primary Metals	259.81	401.32	336.78	31.8	39.5	35.6	8.17	10.16	9.46
Fabricated Metals	210.60	184.98	199.04	32.4	31.3	31.1	6.50	5.91	6.40
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	412.11	450.41	395.30	38.3	38.3	36.5	10.76	11.76	10.83
NONDURABLE GOODS	312.42	308.50	320.79	39.2	39.2	39.8	7.97	7.87	8.06
Food & Kindred Products	240.26	228.78	227.39	42.6	41.0	41.8	5.64	5.58	5.44
Textile Mill Products	231.99	268.32	258.72	37.0	43.7	42.0	6.27	6.14	6.16
Apparel	146.63	152.18	162.76	31.0	33.3	31.3	4.73	4.56	5.20
Printing & Publishing	298.55	305.15	313.25	35.0	35.9	35.8	8.53	8.50	8.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	435.11	433.94	445.31	39.7	39.2	39.2	10.96	11.07	11.36
Rubber & Plastic Products	349.50	356.13	357.80	37.5	40.7	39.8	9.32	8.75	8.99
1981									
MANUFACTURING	$360.82	$327.64	$326.37	42.7	40.4	38.9	$ 8.45	$ 8.11	$ 8.39
DURABLE GOODS	393.74	374.13	355.88	41.1	40.1	37.5	9.58	9.33	9.49
Primary Metals	412.27	422.14	469.26	40.3	39.6	42.2	10.23	10.66	11.12
Fabricated Metals	262.44	263.82	257.04	36.0	35.7	35.9	7.29	7.39	7.16
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	449.43	441.74	372.01	42.6	41.4	36.4	10.55	10.67	10.22
NONDURABLE GOODS	336.27	302.54	305.20	43.9	40.5	40.0	7.66	7.47	7.63
Food & Kindred Products	315.76	234.46	217.25	53.7	43.1	39.5	5.88	5.44	5.50
Textile Mill Products	222.88	215.05	219.82	36.9	37.4	37.9	6.04	5.75	5.80
Apparel	174.22	163.80	166.36	36.6	36.0	35.7	4.76	4.55	4.66
Printing & Publishing	277.36	287.70	286.53	34.2	35.0	34.9	8.11	8.22	8.21
Chemicals & Allied Products	412.67	401.39	404.40	40.3	39.9	39.3	10.24	10.06	10.29
Rubber & Plastic Products	321.23	355.42	366.63	40.1	40.9	41.9	8.26	8.69	8.75

Covers an average 33,600 production workers

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WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1982

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.[1/]
MANUFACTURING	$382.34	$398.86	$389.39	37.9	38.5	36.7	$10.22	$10.36	$10.61
DURABLE GOODS	373.13	392.27	371.83	37.5	37.9	36.1	9.95	10.34	10.30
Primary Metals	259.81	401.32	336.78	31.8	39.5	35.6	8.17	10.16	9.46
Fabricated Metals	217.75	184.28	197.93	33.5	32.5	32.5	6.50	5.67	6.09
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	406.18	437.36	397.83	38.5	38.5	36.7	10.55	11.36	10.84
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.10	405.08	414.38	38.5	39.1	37.5	10.60	10.36	11.05
Food & Kindred Products	246.71	261.39	189.11	42.1	46.1	28.1	5.86	5.67	6.73
Textile Mill Products	231.50	267.08	257.84	37.1	44.0	42.2	6.24	6.07	6.11
Apparel	154.50	156.44	187.27	30.0	29.4	33.5	5.15	5.32	5.59
Printing & Publishing	331.70	347.55	358.61	35.4	36.7	37.2	9.37	9.47	9.64
Chemicals & Allied Products	510.40	508.33	509.01	40.0	39.9	38.3	12.76	12.74	13.29
Rubber & Plastic Products	309.30	320.33	327.16	37.4	40.6	41.1	8.27	7.89	7.96
1981									
MANUFACTURING	$391.82	$378.69	$374.60	39.9	39.0	37.8	$ 9.82	$ 9.71	$ 9.91
DURABLE GOODS	402.62	389.46	367.03	41.0	39.7	37.3	9.82	9.81	9.84
Primary Metals	412.27	422.14	469.26	40.3	39.6	42.2	10.23	10.66	11.12
Fabricated Metals	261.36	262.81	256.62	36.1	36.1	36.4	7.24	7.28	7.05
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	442.23	426.77	366.73	42.4	40.8	36.6	10.43	10.46	10.02
NONDURABLE GOODS	374.74	365.76	385.39	38.2	38.1	38.5	9.81	9.60	10.01
Food & Kindred Products	212.95	201.76	179.03	38.3	35.9	31.8	5.56	5.62	5.63
Textile Mill Products	228.14	214.10	220.20	37.4	37.3	37.9	6.10	5.74	5.81
Apparel	177.32	168.81	172.16	34.7	33.1	32.0	5.11	5.10	5.38
Printing & Publishing	314.87	327.20	327.36	35.7	36.6	36.7	8.82	8.94	8.92
Chemicals & Allied Products	446.93	436.59	475.10	37.4	37.8	39.2	11.95	11.55	12.12
Rubber & Plastic Products	310.99	313.10	323.11	41.3	40.4	41.8	7.53	7.75	7.73

Covers an average 24,700 production workers

[1/] Preliminary

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
STATE TOTALS 1/	29,356	39,372	35,479	$2,402,413	$4,042,707	$3,575,213	$ 83	$106	$104
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	16,888	28,438	24,488	1,359,836	3,093,949	2,599,334	84	113	110
Wilmington L.O.	9,618	21,427	17,908	777,595	2,533,485	2,039,958	85	122	118
Newark L.O.	7,270	7,011	6,580	582,241	560,464	559,376	83	82	89
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	5,371	4,365	4,437	383,742	314,324	332,865	74	74	77
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	3,801	3,161	3,132	338,211	278,092	278,129	77	79	83

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
STATE TOTALS 1/	2,124	4,744	1,663	5,608	342	* 1,154	$532,892	$32,225	*$109,957
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	1,220	4,135	1,141	3,367	191	761	325,423	19,115	73,006
Wilmington L.O.	717	3,639	801	1,970	95	494	186,257	8,403	46,276
Newark L.O.	503	496	340	1,397	96	267	139,166	10,712	26,730
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	432	216	181	771	11	182	59,180	757	15,364
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	280	148	158	574	2	87	51,054	122	7,494

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* SEPTEMBER EXTENDED BENEFIT DATA INCLUDES FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM PAYMENTS. (SEE PAGE 7).
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1982			1981		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
TOTAL COUNT	7,500	8,800	6,300	7,800	12,200	6,800
Number of Auto Industry	0	2,100	150	0	4,800	0
Total Less Auto Industry	7,500	6,700	6,100	7,800	7,400	6,800
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
TOTAL COUNT	30,200	42,100	36,300	34,700	42,900	30,700
Number of Auto Industry	0	12,400	8,600	0	13,100	100
Total Less Auto Industry	30,200	29,700	27,700	34,700	29,800	30,600

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1982			1981		
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
All Items	281.1	281.3	283.0	267.8	270.5	274.4
Food & Beverages	287.7	286.9	287.4	271.0	272.0	275.2
Housing	295.2	294.6	296.8	284.8	288.6	292.7
Apparel & Upkeep	176.2	178.7	185.9	163.1	176.6	181.5
Transportation	297.7	297.0	295.5	287.7	287.4	289.3
Medical	349.9	351.2	348.8	318.5	322.0	324.0
Entertainment	223.1	227.5	223.7	218.2	215.9	217.7
Other Goods & Services	256.5	260.3	273.1	229.0	229.8	244.2
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.4
Yearly	5.0	4.0	3.1	9.7	10.0	11.0
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	292.2	292.8	293.3	274.4	276.5	279.3
Mo. Change (%)	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.1	0.8	1.0
Yr. Change (%)	6.5	5.9	5.0	10.7	10.9	11.0

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's seasonally adjusted rate drops to 8.1% in December..... Nationally, the rate rose steadily during the quarter to 10.8%.
- Preliminary figures indicate a significant rise in national and state 1982 annual average unemployment rates.
- Manufacturers Hanover Bank begins operations in Wilmington.
- Three more A & P stores close.
- Jamesway Corporation, a discount retail chain, will open two stores in spaces once occupied by Woolco in New Castle County, employing some 160 people.
- Rose's Stores Inc., a discount chain, will replace Woolco in the Blue Hen Mall in Dover. One hundred people are expected to be employed initially.
- During 1982: The amount of regular UI benefits paid out in the State totals $43,214,410; weekly benefit amount for total unemployment averages $98.
- First payments in Delaware drop sharply during quarter.
- Philadelphia area price index drop of 0.5 percent in December is largest in over 20 years. 1982 yearly rise is smallest since 1965.
- Delaware Department of Labor launches Retrain Delaware Dislocated Workers Program.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT.	NOV.	DEC[1/]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC[1/]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC[1/]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC[1/]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1982	291.3	293.5	290.7	265.3	266.2	267.0	25.9	27.3	23.7	8.9	9.3	8.1
	1981	289.8	291.4	288.7	265.4	265.0	264.5	24.3	26.4	24.2	8.4	9.1	8.4
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1982	290.6	257.9	289.4	268.3	232.2	267.8	22.3	25.7	21.6	7.7	10.0	7.4
	1981	289.3	289.8	287.5	268.2	264.0	265.4	21.0	25.8	22.2	7.3	8.9	7.7
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1982	256.0	257.1	254.4	231.8	230.7	232.2	24.3	26.4	22.2	9.5	10.3	8.7
	1981	256.8	256.4	254.4	235.6	232.5	233.4	21.2	23.9	21.0	8.3	9.3	8.3
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1982	254.8	257.9	254.9	234.4	232.2	235.2	20.4	25.7	19.7	8.0	10.0	7.7
	1981	256.2	257.3	255.1	238.2	234.0	236.3	17.9	23.2	18.7	7.0	9.0	7.3
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	110,644.0	111,042.0	111,129.0	99,093.0	99,136.0	99,093.0	11,551.0	11,906.0	12,036.0	10.4	10.7	10.8
	1981	109,012.0	109,272.0	109,006.0	100,343.0	100,172.0	99,677.0	8,669.0	9,100.0	9,389.0	8.0	8.3	8.6
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	3,631.0	3,670.0	3,622.0	3,299.0	3,305.0	3,284.0	332.0	365.0	338.0	9.1	9.9	9.3
	1981	3,568.0	3,554.0	3,519.0	3,313.0	3,288.0	3,249.0	255.0	266.0	270.0	7.1	7.5	7.7
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	8,022.0	7,962.0	7,912.0	7,265.0	7,177.0	7,203.0	757.0	785.0	709.0	9.4	9.9	9.0
	1981	8,004.0	7,946.0	7,976.0	7,436.0	7,343.0	7,325.0	568.0	603.0	651.0	7.1	7.6	8.2
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1982	5,491.0	5,527.0	5,554.0	4,861.0	4,858.0	4,839.0	630.0	669.0	715.0	11.5	12.1	12.9
	1981	5,479.0	5,477.0	5,467.0	5,000.0	4,982.0	4,942.0	479.0	495.0	525.0	8.7	9.0	9.6
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1982	2,181.4	2,170.4	2,163.3	2,007.2	2,002.6	1,993.3	174.2	167.8	169.9	8.0	7.7	7.9
	1981	2,159.4	2,166.7	2,173.5	2,005.9	2,001.9	1,999.8	153.5	164.8	173.8	7.1	7.6	8.0

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's December seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 8.1 percent of the civilian labor force from 9.3 percent in November. October's rate stood at 8.9 percent. Unadjusted, December's rate was 7.4 percent, comparing favorably with the 10.0 percent recorded the previous month. The auto industry was primarily responsible for both series' movements during the quarter.

Nationally, unemployment steadily rose over the quarter to a seasonally adjusted rate of 10.8 percent from a revised 10.1 percent in September. In the surrounding areas, Maryland's December unadjusted rate stood at 7.9 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rates of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania registered 9.3, 9.0 and 12.9 percent, respectively.

Preliminary figures indicate that both national (9.7 percent) and Delaware (8.7 percent) annual average unemployment rates are significantly higher than 1981 levels of 7.6 (U.S.) and 7.9 percent (Delaware). Official release of national and state annual averages is expected in early February.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, although virtually unchanged over the quarter, declined in November and rose in December as a result of an inventory-related layoff in the auto industry, which was reflected in machinery and transportation equipment and manufacturing employment. Nonmanufacturing registered gains in state and local government in October and in retail trade in November and December. The trend of the previous quarters continued, with monthly totals below the year-ago figures as general business declines were registered in machinery and transportation equipment, chemicals and allied products and rubber and plastic products. Total nonagricultural employment in the SMSA followed the same quarterly movement as Delaware, ending the quarter at 229,700.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, reaching its highest level since July 1981, averaged $350.64 in December. Primary metals weekly earnings, after reaching a 5-year low last quarter, rose throughout this quarter to within 5% of the yearly high by December. The recall of workers, after a temporary layoff, at a large high-paying firm accounted for this increase. Total monthly manufacturing weekly earnings were higher than the year-ago quarter due to gains in the nondurable goods sector. Manufacturing production worker average weekly earnings in the SMSA, at $407.29 in December, was higher each month than the comparable year-ago period.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - Delaware became the second state in the Union in January to gain federal approval for a program to help small businesses finance construction and expansion. They can now participate in the federal Small Business Administrations Certified Development Program, through which small business owners can obtain long-term financing at relatively low interest rates. The

money will be funneled through the Delaware Development Corporation, a state-established agency certified by the federal government.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - The DuPont Company announced in November that Conoco Inc. will move its corporate headquarters from Stamford, Connecticut to Wilmington. The move, expected to be completed by July 1, 1983, will bring most of Conoco's 180-member corporate staff to the area..... American Life Insurance Company increased the size of its planned new $20 million headquarters building for the second time since it decided to locate in Wilmington's Christiana Gateway re-development area. Construction should start during the first quarter of 1983, and upon its planned 1985 opening, will employ some 480 people, a dramatic increase from the current workforce of 250..... Manufacturers Hanover Corporation opened in early January on the Market Street Mall in Wilmington. Operations began with 25 employees, with that total expected to grow to 107 by the end of the year.....

Channels Home Center Inc., of Whippany, NJ, is expanding in Delaware. They are completing a 60,000 square-foot shopping center at Foulk and Naamans Roads, with Channel as the anchor store. In August, the Channel store on the Kirkwood Highway will move across the street to a building to be built by the company. Construction will probably begin in February. The two stores will employ a total of 120 people..... The A & P store in the Brammar Plaza closed in January, leaving the two at the Castle Mall and Fairfield Shopping Center near Newark open until early February..... Four A & P supermarkets in northern Delaware, as well as two in Pennsylvania may become Super Fresh stores under a tentative agreement signed in January by A & P and the union representing most of its workers in the area. The key was a committment from A & P to employ more than 200 former employees' whose jobs were eliminated in closings started early last year..... Texaco Inc. will close its 48 acre Claymont Terminal by March because of declining bulk sales of oil. Four employees now maintaining the Terminal will be relocated.....

Phoenix Steel plans to shut down the formed products department at its Claymont mill in early February, eliminating the jobs of about 60 employees. The shutdown was described as "part of a total plan"..... Jamesway Corporation, a discount retail chain, will open two stores in Delaware in spaces once occupied by Woolco. Following extensive redesign of the stores located in the Northtowne Plaza in Claymont and University Plaza in Newark, they are expected to open in April. Each store is expected to employ about 80 people.

KENT COUNTY - General Clothing Company, south of Smyrna, closed indefinitely in early December as contract talks with union garment workers broke down. One hundred and thirty employees were affected. In late January, the company reopened its factory and rehired about 18 employees to work for minimum wages on trial runs of garments it hopes to produce..... General Foods Corporation received permission from the Dover City Planning Commission to build a 16 mega-watt coal burning power plant. Construction is expected to begin in early spring, taking about 30 months to complete at a cost of between $20 and $25 million..... Rose's Stores, Inc. a North Carolina discount chain, will move into the space vacated by the Woolco Department Store in Dover's Blue Hen Mall. The chain should open up shop around the first of June, at the earliest, employing some 100 people. This number will be reduced to around "70 or 80" as the store

becomes more established, and less work needs to be done.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Employment at the Perdue Plant in Georgetown will increase by 25 to 30 workers once construction of a 20,000 square-foot cooler is completed in April. Most of the new jobs would be for warehouse loaders and packers. The expansion will "allow Georgetown to become a major distribution area" for Perdue and could result in another 400 to 500 jobs over the next few years..... The Sussex County Council, in early December, approved a 314-unit addition to the Holy Oak Campground near Angola. Sixteen full- and part-time jobs, including some positions for computer operators, will be created through the project in addition to 24 construction jobs to clear and set up the sites..... Nanticoke Homes Inc., of Greenwood, has started building a $600,000 factory that will increase the company's output of manufactured houses and create 100 new jobs. The building is expected to be completed by May 1. Nanticoke built 337 houses last year and already has 150 pending orders this year, about 10 times more than at this time last year.

SURROUNDING AREAS - An estimated 700 job-seekers applied for fewer than 100 positions at the $3 million Wesleyan Health Care Center, nearing completion on the western edge of Denton, Maryland in Caroline County. It is expected the facility will be ready for its first patients by mid-February..... Sun Company offered 100 new jobs at their Marcus Hook, PA refinery. The jobs are part of the company's Apprenticeship Training Program, a three-year paid program, to prepare people for jobs as refinery operators..... Wesley Manufacturing Company, the sole industry in Port Deposit, MD, laid off about 120 in late January, bringing the total number of layoffs since December to more than 600..... Altair Airlines announced in November the suspension of its service indefinitely and filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code. The Philadelphia-based airline had 652 employees who were immediately affected by the move.

AUTO INDUSTRY - The major U. S. automobiles sold 27.8% more new cars in late December than a year earlier, but 1982 still was the worst sales year since 1961, the companies announced in early January..... General Motors Corporation announced that more than 21,000 autoworkers will be called back to work in the next three months, signaling that the long-awaited auto industry recovery is under way..... Chrysler Corporation said it will spend $55 million to reopen its idle assembly plant No. 2 in Fenton, MO, creating 1,500 new jobs by September..... Chrysler workers in Delaware and around the country overwhelmingly approved a new contract that gave them their first raise in two years.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated dropped to 92,278 in the fourth quarter of 1982, with a benefit amount of $8,693,733 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during that same period was $98. For the year, total weeks of regular UI benefits registered 455,136 as a benefit amount of $43,214,410 was paid out. During 1982, the average weekly benefit amount for total unemployment was $98.

First payments for week of unemployment claimed was 4,907 during the fourth quarter, comparing favorably with the 8,553 third quarter count. For the year, first payments for the State totaled 31,686.

Extended Benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $1,619,958 for 16,917 weeks of compensation, representing $1,617,106 and 5,973 under the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program and $2,852 and 24 under the Extended Benefits Program.

Continued claim counts, excluding the auto industry, for each fourth quarter month remained significantly below the comparable months of 1981, registering 23,600 in October, 28,900 in November and 33,600 in December. The total count of auto-industry claims was 14,000 during the quarter, some 3,400 less than the fourth quarter count of 1981, although the 9,100 November count was significantly high. For the year there were approximately 78,000 auto-industry continued claims.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings in demand at the end of December were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Carpenter, 50 openings; sales agent, insurance, 30; tractor-trailer truck drivers, 27; clerk-typist, 26; material handler, 19; guard, security, 18; construction worker II, 16; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 13; secretary, 7; kitchen helper, 6; assembler, automobile, 6; and bircklayer, 6 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Carpenter, 50 openings; sales agent, insurance, 30; tractor-trailer truck driver, 27; clerk-typist, 26; guard, security, 18; construction worker II, 15; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 8; secretary, 7; material handler, 7; assembler, automobile, 6; clerk, general, 5; and bricklayer, 5 openings.

Characteristics of Job Seekers in December were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 10,995 active applicants, 48 percent were male, 56 percent were white, 39 percent were black, 12 percent were under 22, 64 percent were 22 to 39, and 24 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 40 percent had not finished high school, 44 percent had graduated from high school, and 16 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 37 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 39 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 7,908 active applicants, 43 percent were male, 54 percent were white, 41 percent were black, 11 percent were under 22, 66 percent were 22 to 39, and 23 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 40 percent had not finished high school, 44 percent had graduated from high school, and 16 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 45 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 40 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

In the Philadelphia area the consumer price index for all items during the fourth quarter declined for two out of three months. The December decline of 0.5 percent was the largest in over 20 years locally, leaving the index at 281.6. For the year of 1982, area prices rose 2.4 percent, the smallest gain for any calendar year since 1965. Annual rises for the prior three years were in the 9.7 to 12.0 percent range. Nationally, the index was 292.4 following two consecutive monthly declines. The U. S. rate for the year rose 3.9 percent as compared to 8.9 percent in 1981.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

Retrain Delaware Dislocated Workers Program

The State Labor Department began accepting applications in January for a job-training program aimed at unemployed people whose chances of returning to their old jobs are slim. The pilot program offers counseling, classes in job-research techniques and some job-skill retraining to about 50 unemployed people. To qualify, people must already have collected seven to 12 weeks of unemployment benefits.

The program is designed to help people whose jobs no longer exist and whose 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, plus special federal benefits, are likely to run out.

The program is being financed with two grants: $20,000 from the State Advisary Council on Career and Vocational Education for counseling and $20,000 from the Delaware Development Office for vouchers.

For further information, you can contact the Delaware Department of Labor, U. I. Administrative Office at the University Plaza in Newark, or one of the state's four unemployment offices at the Cannery Shopping Center near Wilmington, at Brookside Shopping Center near Newark, in Dover and in Georgetown.

Changes in Current Population Survey (CPS) Labor Force Data

With the release of data for January 1983, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics will begin including members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States in the national labor force and employment totals and thus, in the base for the overall unemployment rate. State and area CPS data will not include this change.

Targeted Jobs Tax Program

The Division of Job Services is reaching out again, to you the employer, to emphasize the importance of the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit

Program. You should be taking advantage of this valuable tax credit. Following is another testimonial from one of several employers who has benefited from the program:

PERDUE
FARMS INCORPORATED

P O BOX 471
GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE 19947

October 4, 1982

To Whom It May Concern:

Since 1979, Perdue, Inc., Georgetown, Delaware, has experienced substantial financial benefits through the use of the Targeted Job Tax Credit Program. In some instances, knowing that the applicant was TJTC certified, we have hired people that we would not have hired if they had not been certified. At our Georgetown Plant, we have saved over $110,000 in taxable income. Contrary to one's belief, the paper work required is very minimal when compared to the savings that can be realized. Any employer that has any questions in regards to the TJTC program, may feel free to contact John Veser at 856-0941 ext. 71.

Sincerely,

John Veser
Manager of Employee Relations

If you are interested in or desire more information regarding this program, please contact Ernest Camoirano at (302) 368-6876.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1982			1981			1982			1981		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1/]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1/]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1/]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1/]
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	258.7	255.4	258.6	260.4	257.4	260.1	224.8	222.2	225.2	230.4	227.2	229.7
Manufacturing	69.3	65.1	67.9	71.5	67.7	70.9	61.8	58.0	60.8	65.4	61.7	64.4
Durable Goods	19.0	15.2	19.1	20.3	16.6	19.8	19.9	16.1	19.8	21.8	18.0	20.9
Primary Metals	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	11.0	7.0	10.7	11.8	8.2	11.4	12.0	8.1	11.7	13.2	9.5	12.6
Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.4
Nondurable Goods	50.3	49.9	48.8	51.2	51.1	51.0	41.9	41.9	41.0	43.7	43.7	43.5
Food & Kindred Products	8.7	8.5	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Textile Mill Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Apparel	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.1
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	30.9	30.8	30.1	31.4	31.5	31.4	33.1	33.0	32.2	34.2	34.2	34.2
Rubber & Plastics	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.2
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Nonmanufacturing	189.4	190.3	190.7	188.9	189.6	189.3	163.0	164.2	164.4	165.0	165.5	165.3
Construction	14.7	14.6	14.1	14.9	14.2	13.8	15.0	14.9	14.6	15.1	14.4	14.0
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.7	11.8	11.7	12.3	12.2	12.1	11.3	11.4	11.4	12.0	11.9	11.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	56.7	57.4	57.9	56.3	57.4	57.8	46.5	47.5	48.0	47.2	48.1	48.8
Wholesale Trade	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.9
Retail Trade	45.2	46.0	46.6	44.7	45.7	46.0	36.8	37.9	38.5	37.2	38.2	38.9
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9	12.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Services & Mining	49.2	49.2	49.5	48.6	48.5	48.6	44.0	43.8	43.8	43.8	43.6	43.6
Government	44.4	44.7	44.6	43.9	44.5	44.0	34.3	34.7	34.6	34.9	35.5	35.1
Federal Government	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3
State & Local Government	38.9	39.2	39.1	38.5	39.2	38.7	29.9	30.3	30.2	30.5	31.1	30.7
State	22.3	22.3	21.9	21.8	22.0	21.6	14.0	14.0	13.7	13.9	14.1	13.7
Local	16.6	16.9	17.2	16.7	17.2	17.1	15.9	16.3	16.5	16.5	17.1	17.1
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Preliminary

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1982

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
MANUFACTURING	$331.01	$326.98	$350.64	38.4	39.3	39.8	$ 8.62	$ 8.32	$ 8.81
DURABLE GOODS	349.21	342.61	385.31	36.3	39.2	39.6	9.62	8.74	9.73
Primary Metals	369.38	404.82	437.88	38.8	39.0	41.0	9.52	10.38	10.68
Fabricated Metals	188.43	222.22	234.85	30.1	34.4	35.8	6.26	6.46	6.56
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	378.07	371.33	421.22	35.6	39.8	39.7	10.62	9.33	10.61
NONDURABLE GOODS	316.81	318.33	324.79	39.9	39.3	39.9	7.94	8.10	8.14
Food & Kindred Products	237.89	236.23	235.07	41.3	40.8	40.6	5.76	5.79	5.79
Textile Mill Products	249.30	278.57	296.78	45.0	43.8	46.3	5.54	6.36	6.41
Apparel	174.97	157.14	159.20	36.3	32.4	33.8	4.82	4.85	4.71
Printing & Publishing	296.87	287.62	300.02	34.6	34.2	33.9	8.58	8.41	8.85
Chemicals & Allied Products	440.30	447.02	448.23	40.1	40.2	40.2	10.98	11.12	11.15
Rubber & Plastic Products	360.67	360.77	368.94	41.6	40.4	41.5	8.67	8.93	8.89
1981									
MANUFACTURING	$323.92	$320.97	$328.89	38.7	39.0	39.2	$ 8.37	$ 8.23	$ 8.39
DURABLE GOODS	370.91	378.10	378.85	39.5	39.8	39.3	9.39	9.50	9.64
Primary Metals	437.54	424.13	443.69	41.2	41.5	41.7	10.62	10.22	10.64
Fabricated Metals	258.86	263.84	267.67	37.3	37.8	37.7	6.94	6.98	7.10
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	400.86	430.92	408.33	39.3	39.9	39.3	10.20	10.80	10.39
NONDURABLE GOODS	289.18	288.75	293.61	38.1	38.5	39.2	7.59	7.50	7.49
Food & Kindred Products	207.89	210.90	224.00	36.6	39.2	40.0	5.68	5.38	5.60
Textile Mill Products	208.54	227.02	244.51	34.3	37.9	39.5	6.08	5.99	6.19
Apparel	175.68	168.98	154.35	36.6	35.5	34.3	4.80	4.76	4.50
Printing & Publishing	285.32	280.90	291.58	34.5	33.6	35.3	8.27	8.36	8.26
Chemicals & Allied Products	383.68	383.15	379.61	38.6	38.2	38.5	9.94	10.03	9.86
Rubber & Plastic Products	353.22	351.29	364.17	41.9	40.8	42.1	8.43	8.61	8.65

Covers an average 33,100 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1982

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
MANUFACTURING	$395.78	$385.73	$407.29	38.5	39.2	39.2	$ 10.28	$ 9.84	$ 10.39
DURABLE GOODS	385.02	365.10	405.34	37.6	39.3	39.7	10.24	9.29	10.21
Primary Metals	369.38	404.82	437.88	38.8	39.0	41.0	9.52	10.38	10.38
Fabricated Metals	188.16	225.90	231.12	31.1	35.8	36.0	6.05	6.31	6.42
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	414.65	373.73	427.60	38.5	40.1	40.0	10.77	9.32	10.69
NONDURABLE GOODS	411.13	408.60	410.80	39.8	39.1	38.5	10.33	10.45	10.67
Food & Kindred Products	306.29	236.99	192.35	52.9	44.8	29.1	5.79	5.29	6.61
Textile Mill Products	252.50	284.03	300.83	46.5	44.8	47.3	5.43	6.34	6.36
Apparel	186.12	171.60	157.90	33.0	31.2	27.8	5.64	5.50	5.68
Printing & Publishing	338.91	332.01	347.90	35.6	35.7	35.5	9.52	9.30	9.80
Chemicals & Allied Products	494.54	495.65	498.32	39.5	39.4	39.3	12.52	12.58	12.68
Rubber & Plastic Products	323.33	321.98	328.86	41.4	39.8	40.6	7.81	8.09	8.10
1981									
MANUFACTURING	$376.71	$380.24	$380.63	39.2	39.2	39.2	$ 9.61	$ 9.70	$ 9.71
DURABLE GOODS	383.76	388.27	384.90	39.4	39.7	38.8	9.74	9.78	9.92
Primary Metals	437.54	424.13	443.69	41.2	41.5	41.7	10.62	10.22	10.64
Fabricated Metals	258.38	262.96	267.52	37.5	38.0	38.0	6.89	6.92	7.04
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	399.40	418.95	398.90	39.9	40.4	39.3	10.01	10.37	10.15
NONDURABLE GOODS	366.44	370.56	373.43	38.9	38.6	39.6	9.42	9.60	9.43
Food & Kindred Products	190.71	214.30	215.76	34.3	36.2	39.3	5.56	5.92	5.49
Textile Mill Products	205.97	230.44	248.35	33.6	38.6	39.8	6.13	5.97	6.24
Apparel	169.67	160.99	145.62	33.4	31.2	29.3	5.08	5.16	4.97
Printing & Publishing	328.67	324.67	331.23	36.6	35.6	36.6	8.98	9.12	9.05
Chemicals & Allied Products	435.38	449.99	444.71	38.7	39.3	40.1	11.25	11.45	11.09
Rubber & Plastic Products	316.36	320.54	331.93	41.3	41.2	42.5	7.66	7.78	7.81

Covers an average 24,500 production workers

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	OCT. 1982	NOV. 1982	DEC. 1982	OCT. 1982	NOV. 1982	DEC. 1982	OCT. 1982	NOV. 1982	DEC. 1982
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT			TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
STATE TOTALS 1/	25,185	31,336	35,757	$2,364,447	$3,090,425	$3,238,861	$ 97	103	$ 95
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	16,394	20,798	20,295	1,616,995	2,239,523	2,016,468	102	111	104
Wilmington L.O.	10,888	15,394	13,802	1,138,577	1,762,648	1,435,885	108	118	109
Newark L.O.	5,506	5,404	6,493	478,418	476,875	580,583	91	91	93
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	3,289	3,543	6,081	247,740	281,297	481,264	77	82	83
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	2,410	3,687	5,318	184,675	241,514	342,554	77	68	64
	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* WEEKS COMPENSATED			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,338	1,606	1,963	5,963	6,857	4,097	$576,461	$660,540	$382,957
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	824	900	935	3,928	4,428	2,396	381,901	433,419	230,284
Wilmington L.O.	464	557	592	2,305	2,588	1,384	214,175	243,732	128,957
Newark L.O.	360	343	343	1,623	1,840	1,012	167,726	189,687	101,327
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	142	198	360	804	858	598	68,624	71,160	49,500
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	186	304	379	548	621	413	48,655	54,157	32,075

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
*INCLUDES EXTENDED BENEFIT (EB) AND FEDERAL SUPPLIMENTAL COMPENSATION (FSC) PROGRAMS.
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1982			1981		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
TOTAL COUNT						
Number of Auto Industry	1,100	1,100	0	0	3,500	0
Total Less Auto Industry	6,300	6,700	7,900	7,100	7,900	7,900
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
TOTAL COUNT						
Number of Auto Industry	3,000	9,100	1,900	4,200	6,700	6,500
Total Less Auto Industry	23,600	28,900	33,600	28,200	30,900	39,700

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1982			1981		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
All Items.....	281.8	282.9	281.6	274.7	274.1	274.9
Food & Beverages.....	285.7	285.4	287.0	274.0	273.6	275.5
Housing.....	292.8	295.0	291.8	291.5	290.5	288.9
Apparel & Upkeep.....	185.8	183.0	179.5	181.5	177.5	177.2
Transportation.....	297.3	297.6	298.9	293.7	295.7	297.9
Medical.....	350.0	355.3	356.3	323.4	324.1	326.7
Entertainment.....	226.4	226.8	225.5	219.7	219.2	222.9
Other Goods & Services.	278.4	280.8	284.0	245.8	244.0	248.6
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly.....	- 0.4	0.4	- 0.5	0.1	- 0.2	0.3
Yearly.....	2.6	3.2	2.4	10.8	10.0	9.7
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index.....	294.1	293.6	292.4	279.9	280.7	281.5
Mo. Change (%).....	0.3	- 0.2	- 0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Yr. Change (%).....	5.1	4.6	3.9	10.2	9.6	8.9

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, Pa., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

**Workers at the Chrysler Corp. Assembly Plant in Newark ratify a new local union contract.

- General Motors Corp. reported net earnings of $653.1 million for the first three months of the year, its best quarterly showing in four years. Chrysler Corporation in the same period posted a record quarterly profit of $172.1 million.

- Philadelphia area prices rose 0.5 percent during the first quarter.

- Manufacturing workers in Delaware earn an average of $352.91 per week.

- The Cigna Corp., established by merger between INA and Connecticut General, opened its new building on Concord Pike, North of Wilmington with 950 employees.

- Kent General Hospital plans a $25 million expansion which includes construction of a five-story wing.

- Regular UI compensated payments total $10.4 million for first quarter with an average weekly check amount of $90.

- A National Interstate Clearance System Job Bank begins operation and will assist employers to recruit employees in other sections of the country through local Job Service Offices.

- New Castle County will receive $780,000 to provide jobs for 700 youths this summer.

- Federal Supplemental Compensation is extended by Congress.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.[1]	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.[1]	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.[1]	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.[1]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	295.9	295.5	299.3	274.7	275.8	277.0	21.2	19.7	22.3	7.2	6.7	7.4
	1982	293.3	293.5	298.5	263.5	268.7	273.6	29.8	24.8	24.9	10.2	8.5	8.3
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1983	287.6	289.5	293.5	263.1	265.4	271.2	24.4	24.1	22.3	8.5	8.3	7.6
	1982	286.7	289.0	292.8	252.6	258.5	267.9	34.1	30.4	25.0	11.9	10.5	8.5
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	259.6	257.6	261.3	238.4	240.1	240.6	21.1	17.5	20.7	8.1	6.8	7.9
	1982	258.3	259.1	262.2	226.2	231.5	240.5	32.1	27.6	21.7	12.4	10.6	8.3
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1983	256.1	256.4	259.7	233.8	234.7	239.0	22.3	21.7	20.8	8.7	8.5	8.0
	1982	261.0	259.1	263.8	230.7	236.9	242.1	30.4	22.2	21.7	11.6	8.6	8.2
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	110,548.0	110,553.0	110,484.0	99,103.0	99,063.0	99,103.0	11,446.0	11,490.0	11,381.0	10.4	10.4	10.3
	1982	109,034.0	109,364.0	109,478.0	99,688.0	99,695.0	99,597.0	9,346.0	9,669.0	9,881.0	8.4	8.8	9.0
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	3,609.0	3,623.0	3,595.0	3,311.0	3,314.0	3,292.0	298.0	309.0	303.0	8.3	8.5	8.4
	1982	3,592.0	3,564.0	3,615.0	3,263.0	3,254.0	3,303.0	329.0	310.0	312.0	9.2	8.7	8.6
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	7,920.0	7,917.0	8,036.0	7,224.0	7,221.0	7,291.0	696.0	696.0	745.0	8.8	8.8	9.3
	1982	7,994.0	8,037.0	8,054.0	7,372.0	7,373.0	7,408.0	622.0	664.0	646.0	7.8	8.3	8.0
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	5,447.0	5,416.0	5,357.0	4,704.0	4,700.0	4,638.0	743.0	716.0	719.0	13.6	13.2	13.4
	1982	5,457.0	5,489.0	5,441.0	4,872.0	4,934.0	4,889.0	585.0	555.0	552.0	10.7	10.1	10.1
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1983	2,096.8	2,085.1	2,106.6	1,907.0	1,900.0	1,932.2	189.7	185.1	174.4	9.0	8.9	8.3
	1982	2,135.1	2,127.0	2,140.8	1,935.4	1,932.3	1,954.3	199.7	194.6	186.5	9.4	9.2	8.7

[1] PRELIMINARY [2] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's unadjusted unemployment rate of 7.6 percent was noticeably lower than the 8.3 percent noted in February. In both January of this year and March a year ago the level was 8.5 percent. Both yearly and monthly drops are suggestive of a slowly recovering economy. The seasonally adjusted rate rose from 6.7 percent in February to 7.4 percent in March and was higher than the 7.2 percent of January.* A year ago the March rate was 8.3 percent.

Nationally, unemployment dropped slightly over the quarter as the rate registered 10.3 percent in March. In New Jersey and Pennsylvania the March rate remained relatively stable while an increase was experienced in New York and a decrease in Maryland.

*Please Note, the monthly movement of seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates in different directions is primarily attributed to the application of a rather stable monthly seasonal factor against an unadjusted unemployment number in which the seasonal event, impacting the seasonal factor, and having occurred regularly over the years, did not occur during the current month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, after declining during the first two months and rising in the third, ended the quarter significantly lower than the preceding quarter. Normal seasonal fluctuations in the nonmanufacturing sector were primarily responsible for the monthly changes, with sizable January declines and March increases in construction, transportation and public utilities, retail trade, services and mining and state government. Nonmanufacturing monthly totals continued to remain above the year-ago quarter while manufacturing, deviating from the previous trend, registered over-the-year gains in the first two months. These gains in manufacturing were due to the absence of inventory-related layoffs in the auto industry which had depressed the machinery and transportation equipment levels in January and February, 1982. Total nonagricultural employment in the SMSA, at 227,600 in March, mirrored the quarterly movement of Delaware.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, after declining in January and February, rose to $352.91 in March, slightly lower than the 17-month high reached in December. Lower average weekly hours resulting from a weather-induced curtailment of activity was responsible for the February decline and the subsequent return to normal activity for the March increase. Manufacturing production worker average weekly earnings were higher each month than the comparable year-ago quarter. This was also true for the SMSA which ended the quarter at $415.13.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - J. C. Penney Co., Inc. in February announced plans to close its auto care centers and discontinue sale of major appliances. The change will cause possible layoffs for 60 auto center employees located at Christiana Mall, Prices Corner and the Blue Hen Mall in Dover.....Firestone Tire Co. will take over several hundred automobile centers due to be phased out by J. C. Penney including two in Delaware, at Prices Corner near Wilmington and Blue Hen Mall in Dover. Firestone will lease service centers not structurally attached to the stores. The automotive center's workers employed by J. C. Penney will be interviewed by Firestone.....Delaware housing construction in 1982, measured by building permits, was up 34 percent from 1981, but was still at the fourth lowest level since 1970. Total housing production for the year was 3,979 dwellings and includes single-family homes, apartments, condominiums, townhouses and mobile homes.....ACME employees in March ratified contract provisions cutting salaries and benefits for new employees in return for job security. In Delaware the change affects about 320 workers at stores below the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. The new contract, which waves two wage increases due last year totaling 93 cents an hour, includes an agreement from ACME to keep its stores open for another year as long as the outlets remain profitable.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - In February two former A & P supermarkets were reopened as Super Fresh Stores. The stores are located in Brannar Plaza north of Wilmington and in Crossroads Shopping Center, New Castle. The DuPont Company will stop making magnetic tape at its Newport Plant by June 1 eliminating 61 jobs.....The Cigna Corp. in March opened the firm's $27 million building at Concord Pike and Beaver Valley Road. Cigna, a $31 billion insurance and real estate firm was established in April 1982 by merger of INA Corp. and Connecticut General Corp. The company employs about 950 at the new site and the building can accomodate up to 1,100.

Delaware Technical and Community College wants to expand its Wilmington Campus with a $9 million center in the area of Third and Fourth Streets and Orange and Tatnall Streets. A 50,000 square-foot building is planned along with the remodeling of the existing building to give the campus more classrooms, a new gymnasium, an expanded lounge and cafeteria and a consolidated library..... The University of Delaware in March, announced its cutting 85 positions this year and may be forced to eliminate programs next year if a budget shortfall is not resolved. Tuition for in-state residents probably will be increased next year to reduce the projected deficit.

Wilmington's Mayor, William T. McLaughlin told City Council in March that it must increase taxes and sewer fees to finance a $47.2 million fiscal 1984 budget that is 5 percent lower than this year's appropriation. The City, through attrition or layoffs, must reduce its workforce by 40 people.

Two development companies are competing to build a shopping complex on the site of the vacant Mary C. I. Williams School at 4th and Adams Streets in Wilmington. The proposals call for the school to be demolished and replaced by a supermarket and other retail shops. Wilmington City Council must approve the project.....S&A Restaurant Corp. of Dallas, Texas, has leased 70,000 square feet on a vacant lot in Fairfax Shopping Center on U. S. 202 to build Bennigan's

Tavern. Bennigan's Steak and Ale restaurants generally have 75 tables. Building plans are not final.

The Pike Creek Valley will be the site of a new office park on 29 acres at Limestone and New Linden Hill Road. The Equitable Office campus is a $25 million project planned as a five-story building complex designed for multipurpose office use. Architect for the campus is Moeckel, Carbonell & Partners and Reston Development will handle the construction expected to start before early summer.....Construction has begun on 50 one-bedroom townhouses for the elderly and handicapped in the Whitechapel subdivision in Newark. The Marrows Court Apartments which should be ready for occupancy in late fall are being developed by Leon N. Weiner and Associates Inc.

KENT COUNTY - Kent General Hospital is planning a $25 million, 62-bed addition. The proposal includes construction of a new five-story wing. Construction could begin this summer but the plans must first be reviewed and approved by these groups: The Statewide Health Coordinating Council, the Delaware Health Council Inc., and the Bureau of Health Planning..... In March after 19 months in Kent County, Wings Airways announced that it was pulling out of Dover. The company provided Dover's commuter air service with four daily round trips to Philadelphia. A replacement was obtained in April. Waring Air, of Charlottsville, VA will provide the commuter service as of May 9.....As many as 83 townhouses, part of two separate projects, may be built within the coming year in Dover. The Dover Planning Commission has recommended zoning changes to allow the projects. The largest involves a 4.5 acre property along Silver Lake and Gordon Lane. About 53 townhouses are planned by developer Del-Homes and would be divided into three to six unit dwellings. Del-Homes is planning another 30 townhouses on a property facing Woodcrest Drive and Woodcrest Turn and bounded by Walker Road.....Developer LeRoy Klein is planning to build 520 apartments in Dover on U. S. 113 across from Dover Air Force Base. Construction could start in September.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Milford Memorial Hospital is planning a $6.9 million expansion project to double the size of the emergency department and expand other facilities. Construction will begin in late summer pending approval from the Delaware Bureau of Health Planning.....Guida Clothing has received two orders that will create jobs. The first announced in March is an $1.5 million order for army trousers which is expected to create 50 to 70 new jobs and bring a recall of 30 laid-off workers at the plant which employs 160. In April the company announced a$3.4 million contract to make combat field packs. The state economic development office and the Small Business Administration helped Guida secure the contracts.....Sussex County Council gave preliminary approval for motel construction funded by industrial bonds. John L. Massey will construct a new 60-room motel and also renovate the Harbor Lights Restaurant near the Indian River Inlet. The work is expected to provide 50 construction jobs and create 26 full time jobs after completion. The second application by William H. Wheeler, Jr. and Donald M. Tersey is for construction of a 20-unit motel on Delaware 1 between Washington St. and Bay Road, between Rehoboth and Dewey Beach. About 24 construction jobs will result with a potential of 13 full-time jobs.....Coastal Stock Tab Co., a manufacturer of computer forms announced plans to double its facility in the Sussex County

Industrial Airpark for more office and storage space. The expansion will not increase the present workforce of 30 persons.....A $1.4 million research and development park in Lewes is expected to bring high-technology industry to Delaware and will be ready for its first tenants by mid-July according to University of Delaware officials. The park consists of 107.3 acres of land at the University's Lewes Campus on Delaware Bay and will serve as a link between the university and private firms for cooperative research.

SURROUNDING AREAS - Ryland Group Inc. will build a $4 million plant in North East, Maryland to make modular homes. The 81,000 square-foot building is scheduled to be completed July 1 and the plant will employ 60 persons.....The town of Salem, New Jersey is proceeding with plans for a $10 million expansion and modernizing of the port area. Port officials already have received letters of intent from eight businesses to lease space.....About 270 craftsmen, office workers, operators and janitors at the DuPont Co.'s Chambers Works in Deepwater, NJ will be laid off in the spring unless enough employees volunteer to give up their jobs in return for incentives. DuPont has offered one week's pay for every year of service, some medical insurance and pension rights to any employee who leaves voluntarily. Last year, 380 employees volunteered to leave and layoffs were avoided.....Workers at Wiley Manufacturing Co. in Port Deposit, MD approved a labor contract that they hope will bring back hundreds of laid-off workers. The company recently completed work on tubing sections for an Interstate 95 Tunnel under Baltimore Harbor and laid off 817 union members. Wiley, a marine fabricator, hopes the settlement may improve the position of the company in bidding for work.

AUTO INDUSTRY - New car sales for the final 10 days of January rose 13.1 percent over the same period last year. Of the five major U. S. companies, only Ford reported a decline for the period.....Late next year, General Motors will begin building up to 200,000 Toyota designed small cars each year in California. The new front wheel drive vehicle will be sold by Chevrolet dealers for the 1985 model year and possibly replace the Chevette. Chrysler Corp. lost $96.1 million in the fourth quarter but earned $170.1 million for all of 1982, its first annual profit in five years.....United Auto Workers Locals at General Motors plants around the country are considering strikes if relief workers' jobs are eliminated, but layoffs are likely at the Boxwood Road Plant. Plant officials plan to eliminate 300 relief jobs on June 6 and switch to "mass relief." Under "mass relief" production stops for two 23-minute breaks each shift and relief workers are not used.....U. S. Carmakers posted a 32.4 percent gain in early April auto sales and General Motors will call back 16,000 workers by mid-summer to handle increased production.....General Motors Corp. bolstered by profitable subsidiaries and investment income reported net earnings of $653.1 million for the first three months of this year, its best quarterly showing in four years.....Chrysler Corporation posted a record quarterly profit of $172.1 million the first three months of the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the first quarter of 1983 was 121,290 with a benefit amount of $10,445,123 paid out. The average size

of payment for UI regular total unemployment during that same period was $90, comparing favorably to the $98 average paid in the fourth quarter of 1982.

Claimants receiving a first payment totaled 8,475 during the fourth quarter, with a low of 1,900 tallied in March.

Extended Benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $1,466,520 for 15,464 weeks of compensation, representing $1,466,368 and 15,462 weeks under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program and $152 and 2 weeks under the Extended Benefits Program.

Continued Claim counts for each month of the first quarter of 1983 were significantly lower than the comparable months of a year ago, which were affected by the auto industry. The total count of auto-plant claims was 6,700 during the first quarter, some 33,200 less than the first quarter of 1982.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings in demand at the end of March were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Sales representative, general merchandise 30 openings; material handling, 29; guard, security, 13; kitchen helper, 10; telephone solicitor, 9; chemical operator II, 9; clerk typist, 8; carpenter, 8; sales representative, advertising, 7; and teller, 6 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Sales representative, general merchandise, 30 openings; material handler, 26; guard, security, 13; kitchen helper, 10; telephone solicitor, 9; chemical operator II, 9; clerk typist, 8; sales representative, advertising, 7; carpenter, 5; general clerk, 5; cook, 5; and cement mason, 5 openings.

Characteristics of Job Seekers in March were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 11,864 active applicants, 48 percent were male, 59 percent were white, 37 percent were black, 12 percent were under 22, 65 percent were 22 to 39, and 23 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 38 percent had not finished high school, 45 percent had graduated from high school, and 17 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 33 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 36 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 7,245 active applicants, 43 percent were male, 57 percent were white, 37 percent were black, 11 percent were under 22, 66 percent were 22 to 39, and 23 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 38 percent had not finished high school, 45 percent had graduated from high school, and 17 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 42 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 43 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

In the first quarter in the Philadelphia area the consumer price index for all items rose a total of 0.5 percent. Most of the rise or 0.4 percent, occurred in March and was attributed to higher apparel and entertainment prices. The March index at 283.0 was 3.0 higher than one year ago. Nationally the March index was 293.4 for a quarterly rise of only 0.3 percent and an increase of 3.6 percent for the past twelve months.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

National Interstate Clearance System

An automated National Interstate Clearance System Job Bank began operation on May 1, 1983. Employers interested in recruiting employees from other sections of the country can now use the World's Largest Employment Service. Here's how the system works...

> Place your job order at the local Job Service office. Specialists there will screen applicants to locate qualified workers from within the local area. When enough applicants are not available within the local area, you can request referral of applicants from other areas. The Job Service office then submits the job order to the national computerized Interstate Processing Service (IPS). With its modern automated capacity, the Interstate Clearance System can process your request promptly and efficiently. Your Job Order will be listed with 2,500 Job Service Offices throughout the United States. Qualified applicants who are interested in relocating to your area will submit resumes through your local Job Service Office for consideration. You then select the applicants who interest you, and assistance will be given in arranging interviews.

But, What are the Benefits to Employers? It saves time and money!

> Using this computerized system, you can get national exposure of your job orders on a regular basis. Your job order will receive attention in all Job Service Offices nationwide, thus attracting the maximum number of applicants and reducing the time required to locate qualified workers. Having access to a computerized national system, you can meet your special needs. It provides you with quick access to information on applicants across the country to fill your specialized requirements. When a qualified applicant contacts your local Job Service Office, referrals will be made according to your referral requirements.

Employers can contact their nearest Job Service office for further information and assistance on Interstate Clearance recruiting:

In Wilmington, 3301 Lancaster Ave., Phone 571-2766; Newark, 37 Marrows Road, Phone 368-6614; Dover, 211 Carroll's Plaza, Phone 736-5473; and Georgetown, Route 113 & 20, Phone 856-5230.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH JOBS PLAN

New Castle County, in April, announced it will receive $780,000 to provide jobs for 700 youths this summer. The allocation from the U. S. Department of Labor's Summer Youth Employment Program will provide jobs for 30 hours a week at minimum wage from June 27 through August 19. Applicants for the program must be between the ages of 14 and 21 and be handicapped, a ward of the state or fall within family income guidelines. Applications are available at junior and senior high schools.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Over 2,000 jobless Delawareans may have become eligible for up to a maximum of ten more weeks of unemployment benefits as Congress passed a $2 billion nationwide extension in April. In Delaware, people who have exhausted their federal extended benefits may qualify for additional compensation. The extension also may give up to a maximum of ten additional weeks of federal benefits to persons who have exhausted their basic state entitlement.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1983			1982			1983			1982		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR. 1/	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR. 1/	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	253.0	251.9	254.7	245.4	249.7	256.3	225.8	225.1	227.6	222.8	226.7	232.5
Manufacturing	67.5	66.9	67.0	63.4	66.4	69.7	60.1	59.5	59.8	57.8	60.8	63.9
Durable Goods	18.1	17.8	18.1	12.4	15.5	18.9	19.1	18.4	18.5	14.0	17.2	20.5
Primary Metals	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.0	1.9	3.3	3.4	3.2
Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	9.9	9.7	9.9	3.7	6.8	10.4	10.7	10.6	10.7	4.5	7.6	11.2
Other Durable Goods	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
Nondurable Goods	49.3	49.1	49.0	50.9	51.0	50.8	41.1	41.1	41.3	43.8	43.7	43.4
Food & Kindred Products	8.2	8.0	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.1	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	30.8	30.8	30.8	32.1	32.1	32.0	31.9	32.0	32.1	34.4	34.4	34.1
Rubber & Plastics	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Nonmanufacturing	185.5	185.0	187.7	182.1	183.2	186.7	165.7	165.6	167.8	164.9	165.8	168.7
Construction	14.4	13.7	14.3	12.6	12.8	13.6	17.2	16.6	17.1	16.1	16.2	17.0
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.7	11.8	11.0	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.4	11.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	54.8	53.9	54.6	54.0	53.2	53.8	46.7	46.2	46.6	47.1	46.4	46.5
Wholesale Trade	10.6	10.7	10.7	11.3	11.2	11.2	9.4	9.5	9.5	10.1	10.1	10.1
Retail Trade	44.2	43.2	43.8	42.7	42.0	42.5	37.3	36.7	37.1	37.0	36.3	36.4
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.0	13.0	13.2	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3
Services & Mining	49.0	49.4	49.9	47.9	48.4	49.1	44.2	44.6	45.0	44.1	44.5	45.0
Government	42.9	43.6	44.2	43.2	44.0	45.1	34.3	35.1	35.9	34.6	35.3	36.3
Federal Government	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3
State & Local Government	37.5	38.2	38.9	37.8	38.6	39.7	30.0	30.7	31.5	30.2	30.9	32.0
State	19.6	20.2	20.8	19.8	20.3	21.1	12.7	13.2	13.7	12.6	13.0	13.8
Local	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.1	18.4	18.6	17.3	17.5	17.8	17.6	17.9	18.1
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1

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NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE

1983

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
MANUFACTURING	$ 352.52	343.52	$ 352.91	39.3	38.0	39.3	$ 8.97	$ 9.04	$ 8.98
DURABLE GOODS	393.39	381.40	380.21	39.3	38.8	38.6	10.01	9.83	9.85
Primary Metals	411.32	362.86	433.02	42.1	39.7	45.2	9.77	9.14	9.58
Fabricated Metals	301.92	266.42	291.46	37.0	34.2	38.0	8.16	7.79	7.67
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	431.01	427.00	404.79	38.9	39.5	36.9	11.08	10.81	10.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	323.05	316.40	333.13	39.3	37.4	39.8	8.22	8.46	8.37
Food & Kindred Products	234.81	214.76	228.69	39.2	36.4	38.5	5.99	5.90	5.94
Textile Mill Products	260.71	229.99	256.94	40.8	34.9	40.4	6.39	6.59	6.36
Apparel	175.68	152.29	180.00	36.0	31.4	36.0	4.88	4.85	5.00
Printing & Publishing	294.69	291.49	301.19	33.0	32.9	34.5	8.93	8.86	8.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	440.36	449.55	450.32	40.4	40.5	41.2	10.90	11.10	10.93
Rubber & Plastic Products	370.90	340.20	364.75	42.1	37.8	40.8	8.81	9.00	8.94
1982									
MANUFACTURING	$ 309.13	$ 323.83	$ 348.96	37.2	39.3	39.7	$ 8.31	$ 8.24	$ 8.79
DURABLE GOODS	351.66	368.80	415.11	38.1	40.0	41.1	9.23	9.22	10.10
Primary Metals	437.30	458.22	426.83	39.9	42.0	41.4	10.96	10.91	10.31
Fabricated Metals	370.56	379.42	373.84	38.6	39.4	38.5	9.60	9.63	9.71
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	369.21	375.65	456.71	38.3	39.5	41.9	9.64	9.51	10.90
NONDURABLE GOODS	292.62	300.30	301.09	36.9	39.0	38.7	7.93	7.70	7.78
Food & Kindred Products	211.18	223.44	213.95	36.6	39.9	37.8	5.77	5.60	5.66
Textile Mill Products	208.61	212.04	246.73	32.8	34.2	37.9	6.36	6.20	6.51
Apparel	131.49	170.25	164.15	27.0	36.3	35.3	4.87	4.69	4.65
Printing & Publishing	256.31	281.90	273.39	32.2	33.6	33.3	7.96	8.39	8.21
Chemicals & Allied Products	397.55	391.93	396.15	38.3	38.2	38.8	10.38	10.26	10.21
Rubber & Plastic Products	352.31	339.48	331.27	41.4	41.4	40.3	8.51	8.20	8.22

Covers an average 32,400 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1983

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
MANUFACTURING	$ 404.69	$ 396.79	$ 415.13	39.1	38.3	40.5	$ 10.35	$ 10.36	$ 10.25
DURABLE GOODS	398.97	388.94	414.10	39.0	38.7	41.0	10.23	10.05	10.10
Primary Metals	408.20	366.11	429.24	42.3	40.1	44.9	9.65	9.13	9.56
Fabricated Metals	298.12	265.39	290.30	36.4	34.2	37.8	8.19	7.76	7.68
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	416.62	413.57	442.39	38.9	39.5	41.5	10.71	10.47	10.66
NONDURABLE GOODS	410.94	407.11	415.91	39.1	37.8	39.8	10.51	10.77	10.45
Food & Kindred Products	213.57	205.62	197.80	33.9	34.5	34.4	6.30	5.96	5.75
Textile Mill Products	267.32	233.64	262.86	41.9	35.4	41.2	6.38	6.60	6.38
Apparel	200.56	162.71	194.40	36.4	29.8	36.0	5.51	5.46	5.40
Printing & Publishing	341.04	340.81	348.60	34.8	34.6	35.8	9.80	9.85	9.74
Chemicals & Allied Products	497.35	501.41	503.32	40.7	40.6	41.7	12.22	12.35	12.07
Rubber & Plastic Products	306.81	309.27	336.87	36.8	33.8	37.1	9.05	9.15	9.08
1982									
MANUFACTURING	$ 378.30	$ 376.44	$ 403.81	39.0	39.5	40.1	$ 9.70	$ 9.53	$ 10.07
DURABLE GOODS	367.68	377.53	414.32	38.3	39.7	40.5	9.60	9.51	10.23
Primary Metals	388.44	427.25	384.84	37.1	41.4	38.6	10.47	10.32	9.97
Fabricated Metals	360.91	370.91	369.38	38.6	39.5	38.8	9.35	9.39	9.52
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	361.09	368.68	448.98	40.3	39.9	42.0	8.96	9.24	10.69
NONDURABLE GOODS	385.92	374.36	388.68	39.5	39.2	39.5	9.77	9.55	9.84
Food & Kindred Products	206.50	174.64	181.75	38.1	32.4	34.1	5.42	5.39	5.33
Textile Mill Products	206.07	206.70	249.48	32.3	33.5	37.8	6.38	6.17	6.60
Apparel	165.58	179.36	184.60	31.3	35.8	35.5	5.29	5.01	5.20
Printing & Publishing	301.37	325.89	308.91	33.9	35.5	34.4	8.89	9.18	8.98
Chemicals & Allied Products	470.15	452.18	479.93	40.6	39.7	40.5	11.58	11.39	11.85
Rubber & Plastic Products	319.70	306.81	301.99	41.9	41.8	40.7	7.63	7.34	7.42

Covers an average 25,200 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

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NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
STATE TOTALS 1/	42,401	36,595	42,294	$3,926,579	$3,020,309	$3,498,235	$ 96	$ 86	$ 86
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	25,970	19,495	21,776	2,621,052	1,667,754	1,863,432	105	89	90
Wilmington L.O.	18,557	11,762	12,920	1,979,444	1,016,570	1,119,715	111	90	90
Newark L.O.	7,413	7,733	8,856	641,608	651,184	743,717	89	89	89
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	6,380	7,251	8,725	502,807	563,654	669,455	82	81	79
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	5,113	4,966	5,387	331,769	316,629	354,069	64	64	66

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* WEEKS COMPENSATED			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
STATE TOTALS 1/	3,701	2,862	1,912	4,435	5,851	5,178	420,338	559,746	486,436
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	2,152	1,448	970	2,677	3,519	3,240	256,191	338,167	306,086
Wilmington L.O.	1,412	805	561	1,653	2,076	1,891	154,067	193,356	176,053
Newark L.O.	740	643	409	1,024	1,443	1,349	102,124	144,811	130,033
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	646	718	453	664	909	720	57,667	77,842	60,933
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	487	324	216	435	542	426	37,441	47,358	35,555

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INCLUDES EXTENDED BENEFIT (EB) AND FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION (FSC)PROGRAMS.
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1983			1982		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
TOTAL COUNT	19,600	9,100	9,600	18,400	14,300	9,500
Number of Auto Industry	6,200	0	0	7,400	4,800	0
Total Less Auto Industry	13,400	9,100	9,600	11,000	9,500	9,500
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
TOTAL COUNT	50,600	39,200	34,900	62,200	58,500	49,400
Number of Auto Industry	6,700	0	0	19,400	16,500	4,000
Total Less Auto Industry	43,900	39,200	34,900	42,800	42,000	45,400

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1983			1982		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
All Items	282.1	282.0	283.0	275.7	275.5	274.7
Food & Beverages	286.5	287.9	288.6	278.1	281.6	281.8
Housing	291.2	291.2	291.4	290.8	289.9	288.3
Apparel & Upkeep	176.4	177.5	181.9	174.2	173.1	174.7
Transportation	300.2	297.0	295.9	296.0	292.5	290.4
Medical	359.4	365.4	366.0	333.2	333.7	333.4
Entertainment	226.4	227.2	234.7	220.0	220.7	222.5
Other Goods & Services	286.8	284.6	287.5	248.5	250.0	249.7
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.3
Yearly	2.3	2.4	3.0	8.9	7.7	6.3
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	293.1	293.2	293.4	282.5	283.4	283.1
Mo. Change (%)	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.3	-0.1
Yr. Change (%)	3.8	3.5	3.6	8.4	7.7	6.8

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

**July's recently released U. S. unemployment rate drops to 9.5%.

- Delaware's seasonally adjusted June unemployment rate dips slightly to 7.5%.
- Chrysler Corporation has record quarterly earnings of $10.3 million.
- The new corporate headquarters of Hercules opens in Wilmington.
- Philadelphia area consumer prices rose a moderate 2.3 percent over the past twelve months.
- Delaware's maximum weekly benefit amount is raised from $150 to $165.
- Total construction contracts in Delaware, for the first five months of 1983 were $175.9 million, compared to $140.1 million for the same period in 1982.
- Regular Unemployment Insurance payments total $7.8 million, down from $10.4 million in the first quarter.
- Dry Goods will move its headquarters back to Delaware, to the former Channin Elementary School, Naamans Road.
- Bank of New York Company plans to open in Delaware as the 13th out-of-state bank to locate here.
- Ground is broken for new home office of American Life Insurance in Wilmington.
- SES, Inc. terminates seventy workers as the Newark maker of solar energy modules moves to Arizona.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		APR.	MAY	JUN.[1/]	APR.	MAY	JUN.[1/]	APR.	MAY	JUN.[1/]	APR.	MAY	JUN.[1/]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	297.7	297.6	295.6	277.0	274.7	273.3	20.7	22.9	22.3	6.9	7.7	7.5
	1982	297.1	298.8	299.7	273.1	274.2	274.1	24.0	24.6	25.6	8.1	8.2	8.5
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1983	295.4	298.5	302.8	276.1	278.0	279.4	19.3	20.5	23.4	6.5	6.9	7.7
	1982	294.6	299.4	307.1	272.1	277.4	280.2	22.5	22.0	26.8	7.6	7.3	8.7
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	262.0	262.1	260.9	243.1	240.6	240.4	18.9	21.6	20.4	7.2	8.2	7.8
	1982	263.9	265.3	265.1	242.4	242.8	241.6	21.6	22.5	23.5	8.2	8.5	8.9
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1983	261.0	262.3	264.3	243.0	243.2	242.4	18.0	19.1	21.9	6.9	7.3	8.3
	1982	262.8	265.3	268.7	242.2	245.4	243.5	20.6	19.9	25.2	7.8	7.5	9.4
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	110,786.0	110,749.0	111,932.0	99,458.0	99,557.0	100,786.0	11,328.0	11,192.0	11,146.0	10.2	10.1	10.0
	1982	109,740.0	110,378.0	110,147.0	99,484.0	99,994.0	99,681.0	10,256.0	10,384.0	10,466.0	9.3	9.4	9.5
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	3,637.0	3,579.0	3,647.0	3,367.0	3,335.0	3,342.0	270.0	244.0	305.0	7.4	6.8	8.4
	1982	3,634.0	3,643.0	3,617.0	3,311.0	3,314.0	3,313.0	323.0	329.0	304.0	8.9	9.0	8.4
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	8,015.0	7,907.0	8,133.0	7,271.0	7,215.0	7,382.0	744.0	692.0	751.0	9.3	8.8	9.2
	1982	8,018.0	8,073.0	8,060.0	7,368.0	7,417.0	7,364.0	650.0	656.0	696.0	8.1	8.1	8.6
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	5,377.0	5,489.0	5,578.0	4,669.0	4,796.0	4,874.0	708.0	693.0	704.0	13.2	12.6	12.6
	1982	5,471.0	5,465.0	5,420.0	4,897.0	4,900.0	4,875.0	574.0	565.0	545.0	10.5	10.3	10.1
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1983	2,122.6	2,144.7	2,187.9	1,969.4	2,003.6	2,044.7	153.2	141.0	143.2	7.2	6.6	6.5
	1982	2,154.5	2,170.7	2,192.6	1,978.5	1,998.0	2,009.0	175.9	172.7	183.6	8.2	8.0	8.4

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.5 percent in April was at its lowest level since May, 1980. Subsequently, the rate rose to 6.9 percent in May and increased further to 7.7 percent in June, reflecting the summer influx of students entering the job market. Indicative of the improving economy, monthly rates were below the comparable year-ago rates, ending the quarter a full percentage point lower than the 8.7 percent of June, 1982. The seasonally adjusted rates also were well below the year-ago figures with June at 7.5 percent, down slightly from the 7.7 percent of May, but higher than the 6.9 percent of April.

Nationally, unemployment registered its fourth consecutive monthly decline in June, dropping to 10.0 percent. In New Jersey and New York the June rate rose, while remaining stable in Pennsylvania, and declining in Maryland.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment, rising each month of the quarter, reached its highest level since July, 1982. The nonmanufacturing sector accounted for the gains with normal seasonal increases combined with general business gains in construction, retail trade and services and mining. Nonmanufacturing, higher each month than the year-ago quarter, followed its previous trend while manufacturing, with the exception of June, was lower than the comparable year-ago quarter. The yearly June increase in manufacturing was due to the absence of an inventory-related layoff in the auto industry, which had depressed the 1982 machinery and transportation equipment level. Total nonagricultural employment in the SMSA, experiencing the same quarterly movement and phenomena as Delaware, ended the period at its highest level of the year, thus allowing June to register the first over-the-year gain in 1983.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, at $377.73 in April, surpassed the previous high of $361.67 set in July, 1981. Overtime worked at premium pay in the machinery and transportation equipment sector accounted for the rise. On the basis of overtime worked in the machinery and transportation equipment and textile mill products sectors, manufacturing weekly earnings reached another new high in June, 1983, averaging $380.69. New highs were also set in the SMSA, which ended the quarter with average weekly earnings of $440.23.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - Governor duPont signed two banking bills designed to complement the Financial Center Development Act. The first, the Consumer Credit Bank Act, lets smaller banks combine to take advantage of tax breaks and removed interest-rate ceilings offered since 1981 to large out-of-state banks. The new law requires associations moving here to have 250 employees within three years. A second bill, the International Banking Development Act, encourages banks to set up international

banking offices in Delaware by exempting income of international transactions from taxation.....The Job Information Center, a clearing house that lists federal government jobs available in Delaware has closed after nine years of operation in Wilmington. Persons seeking information about federal jobs can write to the Philadelphia Job Information Center, 600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA.....The value of construction contracts in Delaware during May rose by 100 percent over the same period in 1982, according to the F. W. Dodge division of McGraw-Hill. Total construction contracts for the first five months of 1983 were $175.9 million compared to $140.1 million for the same period in 1982.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Construction has begun on Stonegates, a $20 million retirement community on 37 acres at the Old Greenville Elementary School on Kennett Pike. The project, which will be operated by Retirement Living, will include a post office, beauty and barber shops, condominium cottages and a building with apartment-style condominiums.....SES Inc., a Newark maker of solar-energy modules, is moving to Phoenix, Arizona. Seventy workers have been given termination notices while twenty-two employees at the plant will move to Phoenix.....The Dry Goods plans to move its headquarters, with about 123 people, back to Delaware. SCOA Industries, corporate parent of the Dry Goods, has signed a lease with The Brandywine School District at the Channin Elementary School on 2503 Naamans Road. The company, which has outgrown its space in Aston, Pennsylvania, will move into the former school in March, 1984.

The Red Mill Apartments, off Kirkwood Highway, near Newark and the Harmony Crest Apartments, east of Newark on Ogletown-Stanton Road, have been sold. Unity Capital Corporation, purchased the two complexes which have 1,290 units from Magness Construction Company. The new owners plan to put about $7 million into renovations which will include landscaping, construction of jogging paths, upgrading of the swimming pools, security systems and parking lots. Interiors will be refurbished with new carpeting and appliances where needed..... Computer Corporation of America, which operates the credit card businesses of 90 banks in the Midwest, says it will be moving to Delaware with about 400 jobs. The company will locate in the Wilmington area and was attracted by the new Consumer Credit Bank Act, which will expand opportunities in Delaware for out-of-state financial institutions including credit card processors.

The new Hercules Plaza 12-story office building opened in Wilmington at 13th and Market Streets. The 670,000 square foot corporate headquarters took three years to build and cost $80 million.....Bank of New York Company plans to open in Delaware before the end of the year, bringing the number of out-of-state banks to move here to 13. The bank plans to move its entire credit card operation to Delaware. The company may locate administrative offices in Wilmington and its credit card processing center elsewhere.....Ground was broken for the new home office of American Life Insurance Company on King Street in the area that will be Wilmington's Christiana Gateway. The 10-story office building, a $26 million project, should be completed by 1985.

New Castle County has approved a $60 million plan to develop an office complex next to the Greater Wilmington/New Castle County Airport. John E. Healy II

and Robert B. Patton plan to develop a 20.2 acre site at New Castle Corporate Commons. The first of six office buildings is expected to be completed by late summer of 1984 at a cost of about $6 million.....E. F. Hutton Group Inc. said it will seek approval from Delaware's banking commissioner to establish a state bank in Delaware. The bank would direct its business to serving E. F. Hutton clients nationwide by selling certificates of deposit and engage in such wholesale lending activities as packaging mortgage and loan pools in which the clients could invest.

The former River Road Elementary School was sold by the Brandywine Board of Education for $325,000 to a group that plans to convert the building into apartments for the elderly and build 50 additional one-story cottages on the property.....Pep Boys and Fashion Bug of Delaware, a women's clothing store, will open in the College Square Shopping Center in Newark in August. The shopping center anchored by a Pathmark supermarket and a Rickels Home Center has rented all but 16,000 square feet out of a total of 151,426 square feet.....The Brandywine School Board voted to sell the vacant Alfred I. duPont School on Concord Pike to Frank A. Acierno for development into a shopping center.....Emory Hill and Company will join Commonwealth Management Corporation to form Stanton Medical Trust. The group will build a $10 million condominium professional center across from the main entrance to the new Christiana Division of the Wilmington Medical Center in Stanton.

KENT COUNTY - General Foods of Dover broke ground for a coal burning plant which will produce steam to operate a processing plant and electricity for the facility. The project will cost between $20 million and $25 million and is expected to be completed in early 1985.....The First National Bank of Harrington was purchased by J. C. Penney, the department store chain. A new branch and some services may be possible according to Executive Vice President, David G. Jones.....Rose's Department Store opened in the Blue Hen Mall, replacing Woolco Department Store which closed in January. About 175 persons are employed at the store.....The Capital School District awarded a contract for about $1.6 million to Conventional Builders, of Houston, to renovate the Central Middle School in Dover. The work is expected to be completed in two and a half years.....Dover's Village Builders Inc. plans to start work to double the size of its 92 home Bicentennial Village this summer. The first homes are expected to be ready by November 1, at the site which is located on Delaware 8, West of Dover.

The Dover Inn at 561 North duPont Highway in Dover has become Delaware's first Econo-Lodge. Econo-Lodge plans to spend $200,000 on renovations, including the replacement of carpeting, draperies, lamps and bedding.....Building will begin this summer on 15 low-cost homes in the Green Meadows Development in Smyrna. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has agreed to grant Smyrna $250,000 to loan buyers at low interest. After completion of these homes, another 15 will be built and completed by February, 1985.....Wheeler Airlines, the third company since December to try establishing commuter air service has begun service in Dover from the Central Delaware Civil Air Terminal. The company will fly a weekday schedule to Baltimore, Washington, Wilmington and Richmond, Virginia.....Kent General Hospital has won final approval for its $27.5 million, 24-bed expansion and renovation plan and will begin construction within a year.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Four tenants in the Sussex Company Industrial Airpark are planning expansions. Virginia Homes, Inc., a modular home manufacturer, will hire about 25 persons. Delmar, Inc., which makes springs for gasoline pumps and children's toys, will hire four workers. At Georgetown Aircraft Services, which refurbishes planes, more workers will be hired but the count is unavailable. As previously announced, Coastal Stock Tab Company, which prints computer forms, will almost double in size to allow for more storage space.....Plans for a 98-unit townhouse development near Indian River were approved by Sussex County Council. Georgetown developer, Carlton R. Moore, will proceed with his planned community on a 15-acre site at Rosedale Beach.....Several new bars and restaurants have opened at the beach resorts. Harpoon Hanna's Waterfront Restaurant in Fenwick Island is the largest of the new eateries with restaurant seats for 350, another 245 seats at the bar and about 100 seats at the cocktail lounge. The Canal Bank Cafe, in Canal Square in Lewes is another new restaurant on the waterfront. The cafe is an expansion of Greg's Galley and will seat 135 diners. Another new Fenwick Island eatery, the Blue Hen Restaurant seats 85 diners and is located on the ocean side of Delaware 1.....National Mortgage Funding Corporation, with headquarters in Springfied, Virginia, has opened a branch in Rehoboth Beach.

AUTO INDUSTRY - Chairman, Lee Iacocca of Chrysler Corporation, announced in May that the automaker will soon pay off $400 million of its $1.2 billion federally guaranteed loans seven years ahead of schedule.....Chrysler Corp. has boosted K-car production at its Newark Assembly Plant. The plant's 3,500 production and maintenance workers now build 976 cars a day, up from 886 a day, and overtime is back.....New car sales in mid-June were 73.1 percent ahead of depressed year-ago figures, rising to their best rate for the period since 1979. Auto industry analyst, Arvid Jouppi of Detroit, attributed this year's gain to lower interest rates, a lack of price increases and a large number of aging cars on the roads.....Chrysler Corporation earned a best-ever $310.3 million profit in the second quarter of this year. The earnings work out to about 190 percent higher than the profit in the same quarter a year ago. Sales for the first half of 1983 total $6.7 billion, a 24.1 percent gain over 1982's $5.4 billion.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the second quarter of 1983 was 85,738, with a benefit amount of $7,798,863 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment, during that same period was $95, as compared to the $90 average paid in the first quarter of 1983.

Claimants receiving a first payment totaled 7,121 during the second quarter. This shows a decrease of 1,345 from the first quarter of 1983.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter, amounted to $1,556,035 for 16,485 weeks of compensation, representing $1,555,749 and 16,447 weeks under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program, and $286 and 8 weeks under the Extended Benefits Program.

Continued Claim counts for the second quarter 1983 registered 84,400, showing a decline of 12,300 from the same period a year ago. The total count of auto industry claims was 6,800 for the quarter, increasing 3,600 from the second quarter of 1982.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings for selected occupations at the end of June were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Sales representative, general merchandise, 14 openings; clerk-typist, 12; counter attendant, lunchroom or coffee shop, 11; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 11; waiter/waitress, take-out, 9; material handler, 8; packager, hand, 7; and electrician, 6 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Sales representative, general merchandise, 14 openings; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 11; waiter/waitress, take-out, 9; clerk-typist, 8; material handler, 8; electrician, 6; counter attendant, lunchroom or coffee shop, 5; guard, security, 5; and sewing machine operator, 5 openings.

For current information on specific jobs, contact the nearest Job Service Office of the Delaware Department of Labor.

Characteristics of Job Seekers in June were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 11,278 active applicants, 46 percent were male, 54 percent were white, 41 percent were black, 17 percent were under 22, while 61 percent were 22 to 39, and 22 percent were 40 and over. By educational level 41 percent had not finished high school, 42 percent had graduated from high school, and 17 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 35 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 28 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 6,930 active applicants, 46 percent were male, 58 percent were white, 36 percent were black, 13 percent were under 22, 64 percent were 22 to 39, and 23 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 35 percent had not finished high school, 44 percent had graduated from high school, and 20 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 37 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 24 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Philadelphia area consumer price index for all items rose a total of 1.1 percent in the second quarter with a 0.6 percent increase in June. Higher housing and food prices accounted for the majority of June's increase. Due to fairly stable prices last fall and winter, the June index was only 2.3 percent higher than a year ago, however, at the current quarter's rate, the yearly increase would almost double. Nationally, the June index at 298.1, represented a 1.6 percent quarterly rise and a 2.6 percent yearly increase.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

Division of Training Services

Governor duPont approved the appointment of Louis Masci as Director of the Division of Training Services, a newly-created branch of the State Labor Department. Masci, appointed by Labor Secretary, Dennis Carey, will oversee the integration of the Department's four training sections. Masci, of Wilmington, has been Director of the Labor Department's Intergovernmental Manpower Service since 1980 and before that, headed the Work Incentive Program, which placed welfare recipients in permanent jobs. The Intergovernmental Manpower Service, which administered the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, will be disbanded in September. CETA expires October 1. The new division's aim will be to find people jobs while consolidating training services under one division. Under the Training Division are two new sub-divisions. The Dislocated Workers Training Section is to retrain workers displaced because of the economy or technological advances. The JTPA Training Services Section will oversee the State's role with the Federal Job Training Partnership Act, which replaces CETA.

The other two sections, Women's Vocational Services and Apprenticeship and Training, were in other divisions of the Labor Department.

There will be a review of the recently completed dislocated workers pilot program. That program, initiated by the Governor, will be expanded to assist from 400 to 500 people. Plans call for expanding the women's vocational services section to include counseling, training and placement for divorced, separated, and widowed women who might not have qualified under the existing Displaced Homemakers program, and for women of low-income families holding marginal, low-paying jobs.

Unemployment Insurance Code Changes

The 1983 General Assembly passed several changes to the Unemployment Insurance Code. Effective July 1, 1983, the maximum weekly benefit amount was raised from $150 to $165. The package included a provision establishing a more liberal formula for calculating a person's unemployment check. Under the new formula, a person's benefits would be based on the three quarters of highest earnings, rather than on four. Effective January 1, 1984, the taxable wage base for employers will be increased from $7,200 to $8,000 to help keep the Unemployment Insurance fund stable.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1983			1982			1983			1982		
	APRIL 1/	MAY	JUNE	APRIL 1/	MAY	JUNE	APRIL 1/	MAY	JUNE	APRIL 1/	MAY	JUNE
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	258.6	261.2	264.0	258.3	260.6	262.7	230.2	231.7	232.7	232.9	234.0	232.3
Manufacturing	67.1	67.3	67.6	69.7	69.1	67.0	59.6	59.5	59.7	63.9	63.8	60.2
Durable Goods	18.3	18.3	18.2	19.0	18.8	15.7	18.7	18.7	18.7	20.6	20.6	17.5
Primary Metals	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.3	3.2	3.2
Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	9.9	9.9	9.8	10.5	10.5	7.3	10.8	10.8	10.6	11.3	11.3	8.0
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.7
Nondurable Goods	48.9	49.0	49.4	50.7	50.3	51.3	41.0	40.8	41.1	43.4	43.2	42.7
Food & Kindred Products	7.9	8.0	8.4	8.0	7.9	8.8	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	30.6	30.5	30.4	32.0	31.9	32.0	31.8	31.6	31.6	34.1	34.0	33.5
Rubber & Plastics	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Nonmanufacturing	191.5	193.9	196.4	188.6	191.5	195.7	170.6	172.2	173.0	168.9	170.3	172.1
Construction	15.7	16.3	17.3	14.9	15.8	16.9	18.1	19.1	19.7	17.8	18.4	19.4
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	10.8	10.9	10.9	11.3	11.5	11.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	56.1	57.4	59.2	54.7	56.8	58.2	47.4	47.9	48.8	46.7	47.3	47.8
Wholesale Trade	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.1	11.1	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.9	9.9	9.9
Retail Trade	45.3	46.6	48.4	43.6	45.1	47.1	37.8	38.3	39.1	36.8	37.4	37.9
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	13.4	13.4	13.7	13.4	13.4	13.8	12.3	12.4	12.7	12.4	12.4	12.6
Services & Mining	50.8	51.3	51.8	49.4	49.7	51.5	46.1	46.1	46.4	45.0	45.1	46.3
Government	44.3	44.1	43.2	44.7	44.5	43.6	35.9	35.8	34.6	35.8	35.6	34.4
Federal Government	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
State & Local Government	38.9	38.7	37.7	39.2	39.0	38.0	31.6	31.4	30.2	31.4	31.2	30.0
State	20.9	20.7	19.7	20.6	20.9	20.0	13.8	13.6	12.6	13.4	13.6	12.5
Local	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.6	18.1	18.0	17.8	17.8	17.6	18.0	17.6	17.5
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Preliminary
NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 377.73	$ 369.87	$ 380.69	41.6	40.6	41.2	$ 9.08	$ 9.11	$ 9.24
DURABLE GOODS	433.94	408.20	421.89	43.7	41.6	41.0	9.93	9.86	10.29
Primary Metals	425.15	410.18	417.67	44.8	44.2	46.1	9.49	9.28	9.06
Fabricated Metals	292.50	294.84	306.14	36.7	37.8	38.9	7.97	7.80	7.87
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	493.22	454.11	474.66	45.5	41.7	40.5	10.84	10.89	11.72
NONDURABLE GOODS	338.08	343.26	351.88	40.2	40.1	41.3	8.41	8.56	8.52
Food & Kindred Products	238.40	237.79	242.98	40.0	39.5	40.7	5.96	6.02	5.97
Textile Mill Products	289.20	275.81	333.98	45.4	43.1	49.7	6.37	6.40	6.72
Apparel	177.55	173.26	180.03	37.3	36.4	35.3	4.76	4.76	5.10
Printing & Publishing	303.97	303.19	316.29	34.7	33.8	35.3	8.76	8.97	8.96
Chemicals & Allied Products	476.21	486.75	493.48	41.7	42.4	42.8	11.42	11.48	11.53
Rubber & Plastic Products	381.06	394.17	393.95	41.6	41.8	41.6	9.16	9.43	9.47
1982									
MANUFACTURING	$ 337.15	$ 351.16	$ 341.91	38.4	39.5	39.3	$ 8.78	$ 8.89	$ 8.70
DURABLE GOODS	380.60	406.83	387.46	38.6	40.4	38.4	9.86	10.07	10.09
Primary Metals	410.29	420.24	430.95	39.3	40.8	41.2	10.44	10.30	10.46
Fabricated Metals	358.72	363.47	287.70	37.8	38.3	35.3	9.49	9.49	8.15
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	406.95	441.32	445.70	38.5	40.6	37.9	10.57	10.87	11.76
NONDURABLE GOODS	304.84	311.20	316.41	38.2	38.9	39.7	7.98	8.00	7.97
Food & Kindred Products	222.91	234.00	235.25	38.7	40.0	41.2	5.76	5.85	5.71
Textile Mill Products	240.26	237.91	244.34	37.6	37.0	38.6	6.39	6.43	6.33
Apparel	167.90	168.48	167.87	35.2	35.1	36.1	4.77	4.80	4.65
Printing & Publishing	287.46	286.25	293.06	34.1	34.2	34.6	8.43	8.37	8.47
Chemicals & Allied Products	410.27	405.12	424.44	38.2	38.4	39.3	10.74	10.55	10.80
Rubber & Plastic Products	326.26	341.01	345.19	39.8	40.5	38.1	8.20	8.42	9.06

Covers an average 32,987 production workers
NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 438.27	$ 427.28	$ 440.23	41.7	40.5	40.8	$ 10.51	$ 10.55	$ 10.79
DURABLE GOODS	438.76	415.74	430.92	43.1	41.0	40.5	10.18	10.14	10.64
Primary Metals	424.70	409.73	414.95	44.8	44.2	45.8	9.48	9.27	9.06
Fabricated Metals	295.20	295.42	308.00	36.0	37.3	38.5	8.20	7.92	8.00
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	477.92	441.79	465.75	45.3	41.6	40.5	10.55	10.62	11.50
NONDURABLE GOODS	437.89	440.50	450.46	40.1	39.9	41.1	10.92	11.04	10.96
Food & Kindred Products	224.22	214.62	218.37	37.0	35.3	36.7	6.06	6.08	5.95
Textile Mill Products	298.75	285.19	346.24	46.9	44.7	51.6	6.37	6.38	6.71
Apparel	182.63	187.34	207.90	34.2	34.0	35.6	5.34	5.51	5.84
Printing & Publishing	345.47	363.73	372.59	35.8	35.8	36.6	9.65	10.16	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Products	522.42	516.08	526.54	41.2	40.7	41.6	12.68	12.68	12.65
Rubber & Plastic Products	344.81	360.11	359.58	38.1	39.1	39.0	9.05	9.21	9.22
1982									
MANUFACTURING	$ 386.45	$ 406.42	$ 401.70	38.3	40.2	39.0	$ 10.09	$ 10.11	$ 10.30
DURABLE GOODS	385.02	411.83	400.93	37.6	40.1	38.7	10.24	10.27	10.36
Primary Metals	388.75	400.14	412.80	38.3	39.5	40.0	10.15	10.13	10.32
Fabricated Metals	357.28	362.60	284.17	38.5	39.2	35.7	9.28	9.25	7.96
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	399.38	435.08	441.87	38.0	40.7	39.0	10.51	10.69	11.33
NONDURABLE GOODS	389.07	398.57	403.06	39.3	40.3	39.4	9.90	9.89	10.23
Food & Kindred Products	183.54	255.17	212.61	34.5	44.3	37.3	5.32	5.76	5.70
Textile Mill Products	248.57	238.61	241.78	38.9	37.4	38.5	6.39	6.38	6.28
Apparel	182.53	177.33	172.88	34.9	34.3	33.7	5.23	5.17	5.13
Printing & Publishing	327.86	324.83	332.43	35.2	35.5	35.9	9.30	9.15	9.26
Chemicals & Allied Products	478.00	473.56	493.64	40.0	40.2	41.0	11.95	11.78	12.04
Rubber & Plastic Products	299.70	336.53	314.57	40.5	43.2	37.9	7.40	7.49	8.30

Covers an average 26,704 production workers
NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	APR.	MAY	JUN.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	APR.	MAY	JUN.
STATE TOTALS [1/]	32,270	27,597	25,871	$2,906,396	$2,586,215	$2,306,252	$ 94	$ 98	$ 94
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	18,383	16,131	14,491	1,799,714	1,627,708	1,309,722	102	105	95
Wilmington L.O.	12,351	11,046	8,779	1,286,433	1,178,168	803,364	108	111	96
Newark L.O.	6,032	5,085	5,712	513,281	449,540	506,358	90	94	94
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	5,763	5,065	5,038	432,444	384,624	377,087	78	80	79
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	3,674	2,582	2,268	237,930	190,304	185,567	68	78	86

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* WEEKS COMPENSATED			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	APR.	MAY	JUN.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	APR.	MAY	JUN.
STATE TOTALS [1/]	4,624	1,208	1,289	5,666	6,813	4,006	$541,204	$644,149	$370,682
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	4,065	750	761	3,664	4,187	2,455	353,430	403,289	230,422
Wilmington L.O.	3,721	510	455	2,295	2,645	1,601	216,350	246,745	146,177
Newark L.O.	344	240	306	1,369	1,542	854	137,080	156,544	84,245
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	226	175	220	736	949	525	60,875	76,870	42,803
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	179	128	123	416	473	278	35,096	36,835	20,572

[1/] INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INCLUDES EXTENDED BENEFIT (EB) AND FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION (FSC) PROGRAMS.
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

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	1983			1982		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	APR.	MAY	JUN.	APR.	MAY	JUN.
TOTAL COUNT	7,400	6,400	5,800	7,900	6,700	10,000
Number of Auto Industry	300	300	0	0	0	3,200
Total Less Auto Industry	7,100	6,100	5,800	7,900	6,700	6,800
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	APR.	MAY	JUN.	APR.	MAY	JUN.
TOTAL COUNT	33,400	28,300	22,700	33,600	28,400	34,700
Number of Auto Industry	3,400	3,400	0	0	0	3,200
Total Less Auto Industry	30,000	24,900	22,700	33,600	28,400	31,500

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1983			1982		
	APR.	MAY	JUN.	APR.	MAY	JUN.
All Items	283.5	284.3	286.1	275.1	275.1	279.7
Food & Beverages	290.3	291.1	293.3	284.5	283.7	286.1
Housing	290.4	291.9	293.9	287.1	287.7	295.1
Apparel & Upkeep	181.5	177.4	179.8	178.2	175.4	178.8
Transportation	299.0	301.4	301.9	287.9	288.4	293.0
Medical	367.5	368.7	372.0	334.3	334.9	336.2
Entertainment	233.8	230.1	234.0	223.9	225.1	223.8
Other Goods & Services	286.3	287.1	287.7	254.9	255.8	258.6
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	1.7
Yearly	3.1	3.3	2.3	5.4	5.0	5.4
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	295.5	297.1	298.1	284.3	287.1	290.6
Mo. Change (%)	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.2
Yr. Change (%)	3.9	3.5	2.6	6.6	6.7	7.1

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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